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MIDDLE SANTIAM HEATS UP 15 ARRESTED – MORE TO COME

As we went to press, Sarah Barton had refused to sign documents to release her from the Linn County Jail and had begun a hunger strike to protest the logging of the Middle Santiam Cathedral Forest. For up to date information on the Middle Santiam issue, contact Oregon Earth First! (503) 929-6426.

by Mike Roselle

Monday. June 4, 1984. It was raining hard. We sat around the coffee shop while people slowly filtered in. By 8 AM there were 22 of us gathered for the action, the same number as for the previous action of May 4th. Many members of the earlier group were unable to attend this event due to school finals or other pressing responsibilities. There were, however, many new faces, and everyone was eager despite the weather. The coffee was good.

Not being an Oregonian, I thought the weather sucked. Others advised me that it would clear up any minute. They always say that. We left the coffee shop and had a circle/meeting in front of the Siuslaw National Forest headquarters. The action was to take place in the Willamette National Forest. We thought this would confuse them. There were lots of curious Freddies peeking out of of the windows and wondering what we were doing. A few of us went in to ask for maps. We then loaded into two trucks and drove off.

Two hours later we arrived at a remote logging site about a mile from Pyramid Creek, near the Middle Santiam River. We had another circle. (It may seem to the casual observer that we have a lot of circles; we do.) Omar (Omar Sheriff – the law) was on the scene. Someone must have tipped him off, possibly the press. There was no alarm since we had planned for the possibility. You always take risks when you alert a large portion of the media.

Under the eyes of the police and the newspaper reporters, we began to walk casually down the road to where the logging was taking place. We talked and sang some blockade songs from Australia as we walked. It was still raining.

The workers were at lunch, sitting in their crummies and listening to Paul Harvey. The deputies were staying out of sight for the moment. We arrived at the bridge and proceeded to occupy it. There were 26 of us now, a rag-tag outfit in our variously colored raingear. This was our wilderness boundary and no vehicles would be allowed to pass.

When the logging trucks returned from the mill for the fresh carcasses, they stopped at the bridge. We refused to move. The driver made no attempt to run over us or threaten us. He had his Thermos ready. (Next action, by god, I'm bringing my Thermos. I could have used some hot coffee.) The deputies arrived on the scene. Thinking most of us would disperse when asked to leave, as in the last action, one informed us that we were breaking the law. We informed him that we were here to protect and defend the wilderness, and that we were not leaving until all work was stopped.

The officer eyed our determined group and asked in slight disbelief, "None of you are moving?" "That's correct," was our reply. This seemed to surprise the deputies since they had only two Blazers in which to put us. It would take two hours to get another vehicle up to the site. We sat down. The officers unloaded their spare tires and other assorted cop equipment from the back of their Blazers and put them in a Willamette Industries truck. They came back and placed us all under arrest. One by one they proceeded to carry us off the bridge to the waiting Blazers. It was slow work and they were careful not to hurt anyone. A total of 15 people were arrested and squeezed into the two vehicles. The rest left the bridge voluntarily and were not arrested. The police thought the action was over, but in reality, it had just begun.

It was a one hour ride over rain-soaked logging roads to the mobile booking station they had set up at a closed-down restaurant on Hwy. 20. At the previous action, protesters were cited and released here. The Freddies tried to down play the seriousness of our last action to the press by stating that there were no arrests made, and no one was taken to jail. This time it was different. Everyone refused to give their names or any other information. The cops were not going to get to use their nifty little mobile booking station. We were all taken the 51 miles to the Linn County Jail.

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240 lb. Mike Roselle carried away by deputies.

ROUND RIVER RENDEZVOUS

July 5-9, 1984

Heron, Montana

The 5th Annual Earth First! Round River Rendezvous will focus on the mining threat to the Cabinet Mountains Wilderness Area and to grizzly habitat by ASARCO, US Borax and the US Forest Service; and on Forest Service mismanagement in general. This is the BIG Earth First! gathering of the year. Meet other Earth First!ers from around the country, organize to fight the Forest Service and other wilderness-despoilers in your area and the nation. Meet with members of Oregon Earth First! now blockading the Middle Santiam Cathedral Forest from Forest Service clear-cutting. There will be guided field trips into the threatened Cabinet Mountains Wilderness, workshops on direct action in defense of the wilderness and on organizing local Earth First! groups.

Speakers will include grizzly bear expert Doug Peacock, Oregon blockaders Cecelia Ostrow and Marcy Willow, deep ecologist Prof. Bill Devall, poets Lone Wolf Circles and Antler, Dave Foreman, and others. Music will be performed by Cecelia Ostrow, Wobblie Bob Phillips, and more!

Prepare to camp. Bring your own food, beer, etc. Bring something to bar-b-que Saturday night. NO DOGS, PLEASE! For further information, call Gary & Barb Steele in Montana (406) 745-3212 or Earth First! (916) 343-6547 before July 5. Contact your local EF! contact listed in *EF!* to arrange for carpooling. After July 5, call (406) 847-2209. See the map on page 7 for directions to the RRR.

DEFEND THE GRIZZLY RALLY

Saturday, July 7

12-6 PM

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WHAT YOU CAN DO

***MONEY – Oregon Earth First! needs your financial support now to keep the Middle Santiam blockade going. Dig down deep in your pockets or checkbook and send what you can – a buck, two, five, ten, twenty or a hundred. Make checks out to Oregon Earth First! and send them to Oregon Earth First! POB 3953 Eugene, OR 97403. Do it today!**

***HELP – If you can take part or support in any way the Middle Santiam Blockade, contact Oregon Earth First!. Contact the EF! Oregon office: Rt 1 Box 4 Philomath, OR 97370 (503) 929-6426. There is room to stay and work. Other phone numbers for EF! in Oregon are: 686-3935, 686-4356 and 345-2392.**

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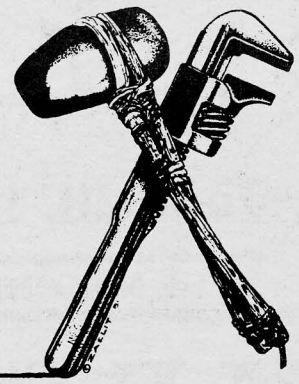

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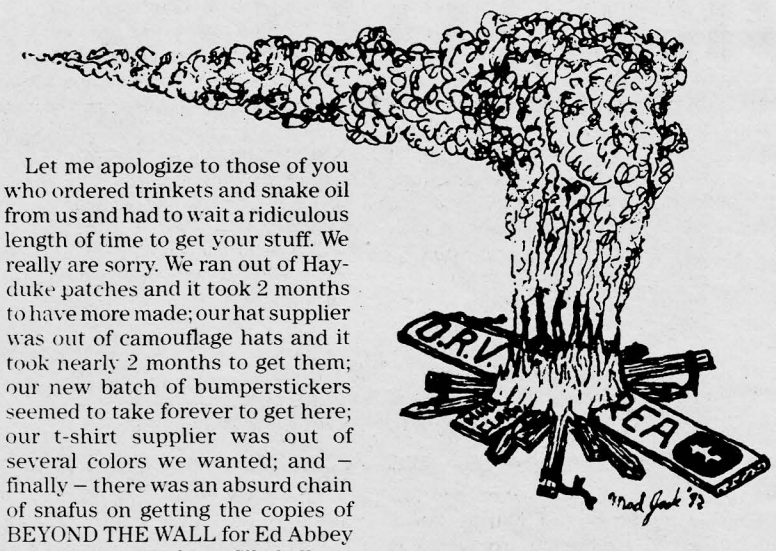


Let me apologize to those of you who ordered trinkets and snake oil from us and had to wait a ridiculous length of time to get your stuff. We really are sorry. We ran out of Hayduke patches and it took 2 months to have more made; our hat supplier was out of camouflage hats and it took nearly 2 months to get them; our new batch of bumperstickers seemed to take forever to get here; our t-shirt supplier was out of several colors we wanted; and – finally – there was an absurd chain of snafus on getting the copies of BEYOND THE WALL for Ed Abbey to autograph. We have filled all our orders now. You should have what you ordered. If we have screwed up somehow and anybody reading this has not gotten something they've ordered, let us know and it will be sent posthaste. I can assure you that we will do everything possible not to get into this situation again. We now have enough orders coming in to have a cash flow where we can keep everything in stock and order new inventory in plenty of time so we won't run out. Again, we really are sorry for the delay and inconvenience. Gawd, I never thought I'd have to be a clothing merchandiser to be an environmentalist...

Our subscription campaign is doing quite well and we may actually double the number of subscriptions to *Earth First!* by November. Remember that we are offering prizes for recruiting new subscriptions. First place is a 10 day float trip on Texas' Lower Canyons of the Rio Grande with Mitch Wyss' Kingfisher Float Trips. Second place is a week long backpack in the Northern Rockies or Southwestern Deserts with Howie Wolke's Wild Horizons Expeditions and Third Place is a trip for two with Chant and Melanie Trillium's Siskiyou Llama Expeditions. You have to recruit a minimum of 20 new subscribers to win. No one has yet gotten that many. See the subscription page for details. If you'd like to know how many new subscribers you're responsible for, drop me a note.

Speaking of trips, Nancy and I will be off to Alaska for the month of August to rouse the rabble in Juneau and take in some BIG wilderness. If any of you Alaskans would like to arrange for me to speak in your area, let me know as soon as possible so we can set it up.

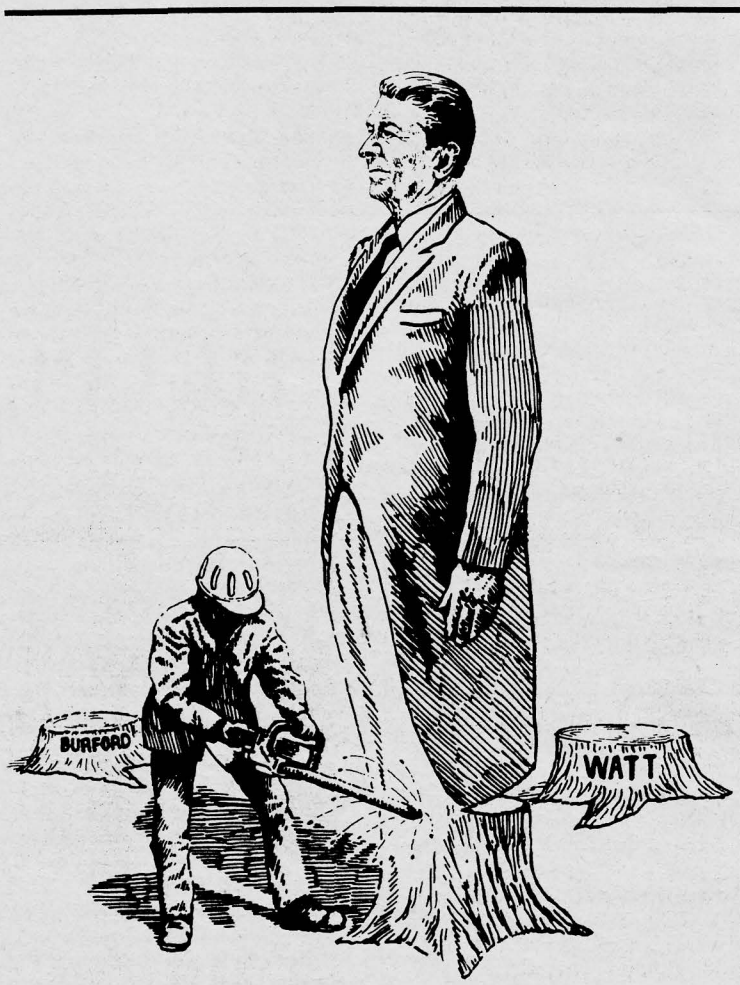
After we get back from Alaska in September, we will be moving to Tucson, Arizona, and *Earth First!* will be published out of Cactus Country. The newspaper's new address will be listed in the August 1 issue of *EF!* but our address for subscriptions and orders will remain in Ely. The year I've spent in Chico has certainly been a good one and many people have made it that: the fine conservationists here in town who have helped mail out this newspaper, Jack & Ed at Ed's Printing who have done all our printing (except for the newspaper) as well as half-tones and PMT's, the great bunch at Typografx who have done an excellent job of typesetting the paper (although I'm not sure they realized how much work they were in for when I first walked through their door), Scott Laursen who has silk screened our shirts (and repaired the bus), Brad Richards who has developed and printed film for the paper, and Charles Withuhn who has done some outstanding posters for us. Thanks everybody!

No doubt many of you wonder about our bizarre publication schedule of 8 times a year. We've simply gone back to our roots and picked out the good 'ol nature holidays from Europe before the Christian conquest. The 8 dates are the solstices and equinoxes and the dates in between. Our year begins with Samhain (Nov. 1) and goes to Yule (Dec. 21), Brigid (Feb. 2), Eostar (March 20), Beltane (May 1), Litha (June 20), Lughnasadh (Aug. 1), and Mabon (Sept. 22). We try to mail out *Earth First!* before the date on it and it takes about 1 week for delivery in California and up to 3 weeks for delivery to towns where we have only 1 subscriber. (If you want 1st Class delivery, send us an extra 5 bucks a year; or if you want airmail delivery overseas, that's $10 extra a year – see the subscription form.) Deadlines for copy for each issue are 5 weeks before the cover date although slack can be given for important late-breaking news stories. If you do send in material, type it (or at least very carefully print it) and double-space it, damnit! I will no longer accept chicken scratchings on toilet paper, I will not try to translate it for the typesetter and it will be returned to you.

Earth First!ers throughout the US of A and Australia have sure been active lately. This issue is chock full of news on what has been happening and what's going to be happening. Stay tuned for late-breaking news on the Middle Santiam, Cabinet Mountains, Daintree Rainforest, Burger King, Key Largo, Sinkyone, Canyonlands Nuke Dump, Tucson gold mine...

See you at the Round River Rendezvous!

– *DF*



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Dear *EF!*

I was amazed by the gall and hypocrisy shown by Tom Stoddard writing an essay entitled *Wilderness and Wildlife* appearing in the Eostar Edition. Here is a man complaining about the adverse effects of human over-population on wilderness and wildlife who has over-produceed 4 children of his own.

I agreed with many of the things he said, but the brutal, debasing act of capital punishment was not one.

Which 3 of his 4 children does he wish to eliminate to give his crusade some validity? Maybe, he can keep 2, since I have none. And, I am a Roman Catholic.

– *Donald E. Ash*

Tom Stoddard Replies: *Let me apologize for my four children but they were born over twenty years ago in a far different world (400 million Chinese and 2 billion total humans). While I admit my culpability, I did not mention anywhere in my essay either quota killing or unjustified killing of anyone. I see only two ways to stop the population explosion – lower the birth rate and/or raise the death rate. Most commentators choose to discuss the easier birth rate. I decided to stick my neck out and comment on the death rate.*

I am always surprised how a touchy subject brings an over-reading and over-reaction like the one we always hear from hard core civil libertarians when any right is discussed: "We'll be back to a Nazi regime and the concentration camps in no time." Hogwash. Either they're deluding themselves about the future or they know nothing about Nazi Germany. Let me offer the flip side of human concern. A Roman Catholic acquaintance of mine, while discussing endangered wildlife, said, "I think we ought to quickly kill the few individuals left and get the agony over with. Then we can get on with the job of spending our time and money saving humans."

Dear Earth First!

Enclosed is a moneyorder for ten dollars. Please send a gift subscription in my name to my mother. I know it's late (I'm going to call, too) but if you could get April's *EF!* to her by Mother's Day, it'd be much appreciated!

– *Ohio*

Dear *EF!*

I've read with satisfaction the growing number of articles in *EF!* including livestock grazing as one of the major destructive forces against the environment. These hooved locusts and their masters have been getting away with murder for decades under the protection and guidance of various government agencies and John Wayne.

Here in Arizona, 85% of all land is behind barbed wire and one can see the destructive effects of the grazing industry almost everywhere. For every cow or sheep added to an ecosystem, there is a corresponding and much greater loss to wildlife, vegetation, topsoil, water quality & quantity, etc. There are an almost endless number of related detrimental effects, from tens of thousands of miles of barbed wire fences, the clearing of millions of acres by chaining, burning and spraying herbicides, and the loss of millions of taxpayer dollars to subsidize the grazing industry to such things as watching out for cattle in roadways, trampling of Indian ruins, and dodging cow pies in campgrounds. More people need to be made aware of the full extent of the grazing problem so livestock can be removed from where they shouldn't have been in the first place.

–*LJ*

Dear *EF!*

You might tell people about the National Coalition Against the Misuse of Pesticides (NCAMP) newsletter "Pesticides and You." It has good updates and information and costs $5 a year. It can be ordered from: NCAMP c/o Friends of the Earth 530 7th St. SE Washington, DC 20003 (202) 543-4312.

– *FB*

Dear *Earth First!*

In your article about the Burger King protest, you let McDonalds off the hook because they get their beef domestically. Well, land stripped to raise cattle or grow feed for cattle is just as worthy of saving if it's in Missouri or Nebraska as if it's in Central America. And a couple of issues back, one of your articles criticized people for buying redwood to use on their decks and thereby creating a demand to strip those beautiful forests California has. I felt bad about this for a while (I have a redwood deck), but then I wondered if the guy who wrote the article felt bad about the oak bookcase or the walnut coffee table he has and the little piece of the Ozarks that was destroyed to furnish them.

My point is that everything we consume impacts some part of the Earth. I believe that the Brazilian's or Californian's part of the Earth is worth saving. I hope they feel that way about mine.

– *Lewis McCann*
Missouri

CAT TRACKS

by Chim Blea

THE BIG OUTSIDE

Certain events act as triggers, releasing ancient memories, reigniting lost emotions. I experienced such an event recently when I went to see the movie *Iceman*. Afterwards, as I sat in a suburban backyard, watching the Great Bear circle the North Star in the night sky, I realized how like the Neanderthal I was, how hemmed in, trapped, prodded and probed by an uncomprehending and incomprehensible artificiality. How we all are.

Nearly sixty years ago, Will Dilg uttered his primal cry, "I am weary of civilization's madness. I long for the unharnessed freedom of the big outside."

The big outside...

You can taste the reality in those words. Feel it. Smell it.

The big outside. The world unbound by civilized fetters. The world green and fresh and pure. The world without the oily grime of industry. The world unstained with the blood of murder. The world without plowed land, without great heaps of bleached, wasted bones, without asphalt.

The big outside. How we have hemmed it in. And we have hemmed it in not only on the Seven Seas, and in the Black Forest, ultima Thule, the Great American Desert, the Outback, the Amazon, and the Congo...but we have hemmed in the big outside in our minds.

As Will Dilg was screaming at the insanity of human civilization, Rosalie Edge was precisely observing, "I have seen too many ironed-out, and often bitter, conservationists in professional jobs." Haven't we all?

How long has it been since we ambled the mountains with Muir, seeking their glad tidings? How long since we watched with Aldo Leopold as the Round River flowed back into herself? How long since revelling in a great slog through virgin land with Bob Marshall?

John Muir pointed to the Sierra and said, "Up there is my home." It is. It is, indeed. The real world is the natural world, it is not the world of the artifices of the technopolis. That world is a fantasy, a nightmare, no more real than Disneyland. It is make believe. And yet its neon blinds our eyes, its amps deafen our ears, its wine dulls our tongue, its nylon lies to our fingers, its exhaust deadens our nose. Like the Iceman, frozen in time, we are strangers to this world of plastic and metal. As his body was frozen for 40,000 years, our body has been. His mind is our mind, his body ours.

We know that intuitively, although intuition has been outlawed in this brave new world. Ed Abbey is right: be "a part-time crusader, a half-hearted fanatic." "(E)ncounter the grizz, climb the mountains, bag the peaks, run the rivers..." Enjoy the wild as well as fight for it.

You cannot fight for that which you do not know. You cannot triumph unless you have lived. You are not alive without the wild.

Chim Blea is a long-time wilderness activist. Her nom de guerre is that given to the mountain lion by the Indians of Baja California.

Dear *EF!*

Your newspaper's a welcome change from the usual ass-kissing, (often) amoral scribes of so many other environmental groups. It's about time we eco-radicals started making demands of the petty bureaucrats that daily sell their souls to the Devil by letting the timber, mining and grazing companies plunder the Earth. I still believe we're all One, and hopefully one day the feverish fatcats will also realize it and stop fouling and destroying our own nest on this precious planet. Until then, there's a distinct *us & them*, and we should resist their destructive efforts against nature with all means at our disposal short of bodily harm.

– Berkeley

Dear *EF!*

If you need an extra body for campaigns in this area, please let me know. Beyond the park boundaries one practically has to swim through the Pampers and beer bottles, and the rainwater finds it quick and easy to use ORV tracks for its race to the sea. Pretty soon the little rock gardens and pink sand valleys will all be gone. I just got word that the BLM intends to chain down 2200 acres of pinyon and juniper forest in the Henry Mountains next September. Can anything be done to stop them?

– *Moab*

Dear friends,

I've always been moved by environmental issues, but as I read the front page of the *Bangor Daily News* this morning, it suddenly hit me that the time has come to be more than "moved." It's time to get moving.

The Great Northern Paper Company proposed to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission last week that a dam be built at Big Amberjackmockemus Falls on the West Branch of the Penobscot River. Not only does this river contain what many claim is Maine's most valuable aquatic environment, it has the nation's most extended whitewater season east of the Mississippi. The dam would flood 900 acres of forest. While it might be fun to blow the dam up after it is built, we need to stop it before it gets to that stage.

– *Maine*

Dear *EF!*

Here's some green stuff to help fund no compromise defense of Mother Earth and for the Grizzly Defense League of the Mirror Plateau. Any chance the League could make a road trip to deal with the anti-wilderness deadwood that populates the Forest Service here in northern California? The newspaper is top-notch and so are all of you amigos.

– *Skunk Cabbage*

Dear friends,

Please allow me to become a subscriber to *Earth First!* I've taken part in some actions where the "don't do anything provocative" types would have given all initiative to the despoilers. My motto is "keep the initiative, keep trying, and run fast." It's amazing how unfit police and rednecks are – in the wilderness, those who are "at home" there can, while small in number, have a huge effect.

– *Australia*

Dear *EF!*

This has been one of those months where I would have done well to attend one of those "despair workshops" John Seed was talking about. Watching the ever-increasing destruction of the earth, from that kid tearing up the hillsides on his dirt bike to the damning of rivers, sometimes gets a person feeling like there's really no purpose in trying to stop what's inevitable. As John Seed said, "Change is still possible, but not likely."

But...while reading through the Beltane Edition of *Earth First!*, I found my attitude improving. The variety of ideas and opinions were a needed reminder. If the world situation stinks, so what? All we can do about it is what we can do. And if all we can do is try to change things on a smaller scale in our immediate surroundings, then so what? That's the way it is.

The smiling smokey in the front page cartoon really gave me a surprise! He's an exact replica of a head ranger we knew at a ranger station in the Gila National Forest when we lived there some years ago. Truly a cow's best friend!

I read the article in Ned Ludd "Correcting Forest Service Signs" with interest as this was something we tried out in the Gila NF. It was fun and really did improve the accuracy of the public sign. We didn't go to the trouble of making a whole new bottom to the sign, we just painted the letters "Ab" above and to the left of "Uses" and it looked fairly official and got the point across. The Freddies painted over this improvement for a number of months and then we noticed while driving by one day that the sign had been completely removed!

– *Arizona*

MOVING? SEND US YOUR NEW ADDRESS!

CATHEDRAL FOREST ACTION GROUP FIGHTS FOR OREGON OLD GROWTH

by George Draffan

After months of rumors and promises, environmentalists are nervous about the imminent Oregon Wilderness Bill. In April a group of Oregon Earth First!ers (some of them veterans of the Bald Mountain blockades last summer) met at Cecelia Ostrow's cabin on Big Creek on the Oregon coast. Big Creek's Roosevelt elk and silverspotted butterflies are threatened with a multi-million dollar resort financed by tax-exempt state bonds. Logging around the Kalmiopsis Wilderness continues. Old growth trees at Wassen Creek, Hardesty Mountain, Drift Creek, and the Middle Santiam are being cut or threatened. Less than 20% of the 4.5 million unprotected roadless acres are listed in the Oregon "wilderness" bill. It is hard to decide where to begin to protect these millions of acres. Heartfelt commitment and energy are flowing but the logistics are overwhelming. Many environmental advocates have worked long and hard on the legislative process, lobbying, filing timber appeals and lawsuits, for years on end. For many of us the resulting piece of legislation, probably the last omnibus wilderness bill in Oregon, is a great disappointment. Congress is giving protection to an infinitesimal remnant of the Northwest's great forests and then accusing environmentalists of ruining the economy and refusing to compromise. The politicos in Washington, D.C. are washing their bloody hands of the dirty issue.

The infamous RARE II is moot and little stands in the path of the Forest Service's timber sales to the pockets of old growth that remain. There are many small areas that deserve protection and large areas that need reclaiming. The largest old growth Douglas fir forest remaining in Oregon is in the Middle Santiam drainage east of Eugene in the Willamette National Forest. There are trees 5-8 feet in diameter, 200-300 feet tall and 250-700 years old. It is the last large reserve in Oregon for old growth-dependent wildlife species and may be the densest stand of living biological material on earth except for the redwoods, even surpassing tropical rainforests. There have been numerous timber sales in the area, ten of them on Pyramid Creek, which empties into the Middle Santiam, the longest stretch of wild unroaded river in the western Oregon Cascades. The Pyramid Creek road (USFS 2041), intended for hauling out the trees, has been moved numerous times from under massive landslides and now sits on the Middle Santiam floodplain. Steep, unstable slopes are being undercut by miles of roads and clearcuts and end up as silt in the creeks and rivers. Some of the slides are down to bedrock and will recover only on a geological time scale.

In 1981 a Pyramid timber sale appeal by the Middle Santiam Wilderness Committee was denied. In 1982 the MSWC filed a suit claiming the Pyramid sales and the rerouting of USFS Road 2041 were illegal, based on insufficient RARE II considerations. The MSWC wanted 35,000 acres of the Middle Santiam protected. The House version of the Oregon Wilderness Bill proposed 25,000 acres, and then reduced that figure to 19,500 acres to accomodate existing timber sales. Senator Mark Hatfield's version proposes a miserly 7500 acres in the Santiam and 4800 acres in the nearby Menagerie. In 1983, the MSWC, with the Oregon Natural Resources Council and the Sierra Club, asked for a temporary restraining order to halt construction activities on USFS 2041; the request was denied. A summary judgment filed by the MSWC was also denied, as were 7 more timber sale appeals.

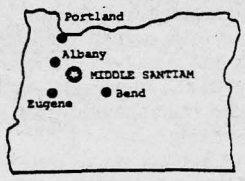
This year the Sweet Home District Ranger quit the Forest Service to take an executive position with Clear Lumber Company, which operates in the area. The acting district ranger lied to the MSWC, saying no operations were occuring in the Pyramid sale area, when in fact cutting was underway. The MSWC and others filed for a stay of action: U.S. District Court Judge Panner ruled against them. The appeal was placed on an "expedited schedule." Meanwhile the clearcutting and roadbuilding continued.

On May 5, the Cathedral Forest Action Group was formed by members of the MSWC, Oregon Earth First!ers, and other concerned citizens. Twenty-two members then sat on boxes of dynamite which were to be used to blast a hillside to provide rock that would be crushed and spread on the logging road. Cecelia Ostrow, Leo Hund, Brian Heath, Linda Sebring, Mike Oswald and Steve Petersson were arrested for disorderly conduct, and later sentenced to perform 20 hours of community service. On May 7, thirty angry CFAG members occupied the Willamette National Forest headquarters in Eugene and confronted Supervisor Mike Kerrick, who admitted clearcutting the old growth but claimed he was following the law of the land. A week later CFAG confronted Regional Forester Jeff Sirmon in Portland. He would say only that he was there to listen; he refused to follow Kerrick's lead in admitting poor forest management. Road shows with slides of the Santiam by Steve Walti, music by Cecelia and Windsong, and expert information by Brian Heath were held in Portland, Eugene and Corvallis. By the Memorial Day weekend the Cathedral Forest Action Group had grown to a hundred members. A memorial wake was held for the trees that have fallen and strategy for future actions was considered.

The Cathedral Forest Action Group is making its stand in the Santiam Cathedral Forest, an 80,000 acre wilderness which includes both the Middle Santiam and the Old Cascades Wilderness proposals. We stand for:

1) A complete moratorium on cutting and roadbuilding in our old growth ecosystems;
2) An immediate closure of USFS Road 2041 in the Middle Santiam drainage. This is an illegal road constructed on a flood plain in front of a massive moving landslide;
3) Preservation of the entire 80,000 acre Santiam Cathedral Forest;
4) A fundamental restructuring of Forest Service policy in the Pacific Northwest. The Forest Service should protect our forests, not cut them.

We remember the great forests of the Pacific Northwest. We will protect what remains of them.



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CATHEDRAL FOREST WILDERNESS DECLARATION

The last significant stands of Oregon's old growth cathedral forests are being destroyed. The so-called 1984 Oregon Forest Wilderness Bill not only fails to protect the major remaining forested wilderness in Oregon, but opens it to accelerated development by removing even the flimsy protection of the RARE II planning process: therefore; we offer our own protection for these lands.

We believe that all things are connected, that whatever we do to the earth, we do to ourselves. If we destroy our remaining wild places, we will ultimately destroy our identity with the earth: wilderness has values for humankind which no scientist can synthesize, no economist can price, and no technological distraction can replace.

We believe that we should protect in perpetuity these wild places, not only for our own sake, but for the sake of the plants and animals and for the good of the sustaining earth. The forests, like us, are living things: wilderness should exist intact solely for its own sake; no human justification, rationale, or excuse is needed.

We perceive the earth is dying. We pledge ourselves to turning this process around, to stopping the destruction, so that the earth can become alive, clean, and healthy once again.

We call on the United States government to preserve the forests of the Pacific Northwest as some of many irreplaceable treasures of our great continent.

On behalf of all citizens of the earth community, we declare the Oregon Cathedral Forest – all that which remains of Oregon's old growth ecosystems – an inviolable wilderness for all time.

SANTIAM (Cont)

They didn't want to take us to the jail. It wasn't because they liked us, but because there wasn't any room in the jail. In fact, the jail was seriously overcrowded, and they were already facing legal challenges due to the poor conditions. We were aware of this, but wished to see for ourselves.

Many officers were on hand to receive us, hoping to process us as quickly as possible and go home. We discovered that they don't receive extra pay for working overtime. This is probably why they were mad when we still refused to give them any information. It was sort of a stand-off. I was rather enjoying the whole thing and was in no great hurry. They tried yelling at us. They tried being indifferent. They even tried being nice and almost pleading with us to give our names so they could book us and go home. We finally agreed.

We were mugshot and finger printed and the 15 of us were stuffed into two 4 person cells, 8 women in one cell and 7 men in the other. They put me in the wrong cell. I was put in the men's.

Although conditions were less than ideal, the night we spent wasn't too terribly uncomfortable. The food was bad, however. We were taken to court at noon the next day. The women were taken in separately, and protested, insisting we all be charged together. The court refused their demands. They refused bail and were taken back to their cells. The Judge was mad. The D.A. was mad. The Sheriff was mad. Now it was our turn. They led us into the courtroom.

After trying to intimidate the women had backfired on them, they were much nicer to us. After a long discussion with the Judge, who was trying to hide his impatience, and many objections from the D.A. and the Sheriff, all but two of us men signed release agreements. There was no bail. The only condition was that we remain law abiding citizens. We could return to the logging site. Two of the men, however, refused to sign and were taken back to their cells.

At the time of this writing, everyone has signed the release agreement except Sarah Barton, who told the Judge that her conscience would not let her sign anything that would prevent her from interfering with the ongoing destruction in the Middle Santiam. The struggle will continue. We need your support.

On Tuesday, June 5, other protesters sat in the lobby of the Willamette National Forest office in Eugene, demanding to see Forest Supervisor Mike Kerrick. Kerrick stalled for an hour. Then EF!ers were directed to a conference room. Kerrick finally entered to face protesters, charges of false promises, the press, and a sign that read: 'Kerrick Stop Plundering America's Heritage.'

He had promised several weeks earlier that the Cathedral Forest Action Group would be notified before any more cutting was done. But the group was notified AFTER the cuts happened this past week. The gist of Kerrick's reply to questions about this was that he didn't know what was going on up there. He insisted he was breaking no laws. Brian Heath told him: "It's hardly justice to be cutting trees down while the courts are making decisions as to whether or not to cut the trees down."

The protesters' heated, emotional, but formidable questions were met by bland bureaucratese. Finally, David Zupan asked Kerrick:

"Who are you working for?"

"I work for my boss."

"You represent a minority – people who are going a make a profit from this crime. Why don't you call a spade a spade? *Say* you're working for the timber industry."

"I won't say that."

OLD GROWTH FACT SHEET

In 1900, 28 million acres of forest land lay in a strip 100 miles wide by 500 miles long in western Oregon and Washington. U.S. Geological Surveys indicate that about 10% of this land in Oregon and 15% in Washington was second growth arising after fires. As much as 90% of western Oregon's forests was in old growth when Europeans first arrived.

Only 1% of this magnificent forest had been logged by 1900.
– 14% was cut over by 1928.
– 66% was gone by 1946. One report stated that only 3.5 million acres of "splendid old growth" remained.

No one knows exactly how much old growth is left today. We do know that annual loss and removal has been three times higher than growth for the last 30 years.

Foresters had two classifications for old growth stands: "big," and "average." Since industry took the best trees first, "big" old growth is essentially extinct. The more productive private lands are now virtually all either second growth or unregenerated clearcuts.

The Willamette National Forest was 26% old growth in 1981, but the majority of that is either in high elevation sites, dry sites, or poor sites for trees to grow. The Siuslaw National Forest is about 3% old growth today; the largest stand is less than 1,000 acres in size.

We do know how much old growth is PRESERVED in Oregon – about 10 stands averaging 500-2000 acres in size. They include:

FRENCH PETE CREEK (Three Sisters Wilderness);
SEPARATION CREEK (Three Sisters Wilderness);
CHIMNEY PEAK RESEARCH NATURAL AREA (Middle Santiam roadless area);
BULL RUN;
LOOKOUT MT. (Andrews Experimental Forest), plus other Andrews stands;
CHERRY CREEK RESEARCH NATURAL AREA;
CASCADE HEAD; and
CRATER LAKE

All other areas, unless they are included in the 1984 Oregon Wilderness Bill, are scheduled for harvest at some point. Even Forest Service planning reserves are subject to harvest:

– "Old growth groves," which average 30-60 acres in size, can be harvested at 50% of their potential full yield. Salvage logging is also permitted in these areas. (Ecologists consider downed logs an essential part of an old growth ecosystem.) The rotation age of an "old growth grove" is 200 years. (Ecologists think that 250 years are needed for a forest in the Cascades to develop old growth characteristics.)

– "Scenic corridors" are subject to 75% harvests.

The current practice of reducing old growth to small islands in vast seas of commercially-managed forests is distinctly harmful to wildlife.

Compared to the dozen or so preserved tracts of old growth, averaging about 1,000 acres each in size, consider the land requirements of some native species of animals:

– One adult black bear has a home range of 3,500 acres;
– One adult fisher (mammal; predator) has a home range of 5,000 acres;
– One adult otter has a home range of 10,000 acres;
– One adult wolverine ahs a home range of 16,000 acres;
– One adult bobcat has a home range of 19,000 acres;
– One adult cougar has a home range of 100,000 acres.

Mated pairs and viable populations (populations with diverse enough gene pools to reproduce themselves over time) obviously require more space than this. While the species mentioned can use other habitats, old growth is their primary habitat. Forty vertebrate species cannot meet their habitat requirements outside old growth.

The grizzly, wolf and fisher are already extinct in Oregon. The lynx, wolverine and spotted owl are about to follow.

Memorial Day wake for Santiam old growth.

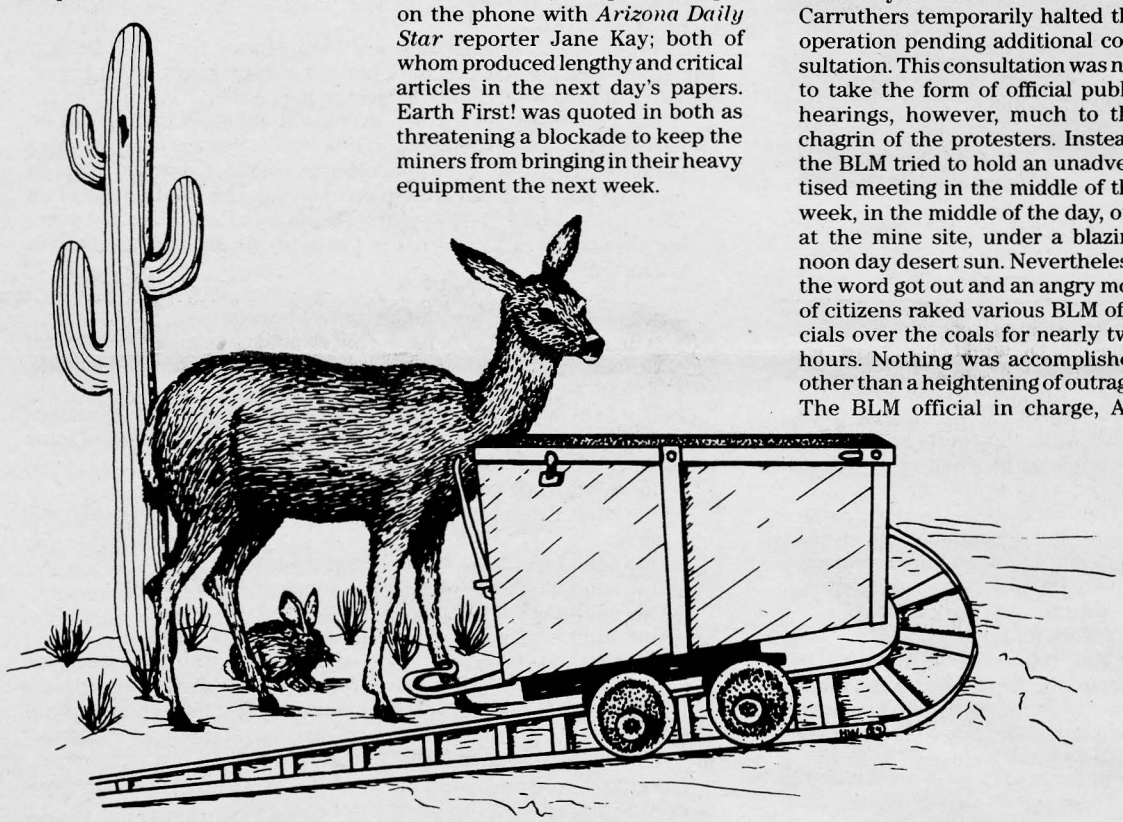
MINE THREATENS SAGUARO NATIONAL MONUMENT

by Pablo Desierto

Early in May, Arizona Earth First!ers uncovered revived activity at an old gold mine in the Tucson Mountains. The mine sits directly on the border of Saguaro National Monument, most of which is designated wilderness. The land which the mine is on is managed by the BLM. It is an isolated ¼ section surrounded on all sides by the National Monument and private property. It is in a sensitive area of foothills, washes, lush natural Sonoran vegetation and abundant wildlife.

Saguaro National Monument is the largest remaining protected expanse of pure Sonoran Desert ecosystem bordering the Tucson area. It was established in 1961 largely to protect this fine remnant of Sonoran desert from mining activities. A couple of small historic mines were not included within the Monument boundaries at that time.

One of those mines not absorbed into the Monument is the "Old Yuma Mine." It recorded production from 1916 to 1947 and yielded a minor amount of silver, gold, lead and other minerals. Since 1947 it has been passed from claimant to claimant for speculative purposes. The historic mine is a small tunnel and a tailings pile less than one half acre in size. Most of it had been largely reclaimed by natural processes since 1947.



On May 1st, "Prickly Pear," an Earth First!er and area resident was riding a horse up the wash in the area, along an established bridal path that leads to the Monument. She discovered dozer tracks in the wash and followed them to their source where she found a full acre of freshly bladed and cleared desert along with newly bladed spur roads around the mine. She met a miner packing a pistol and wearing a security badge, who asked what she wanted. In Oscar winning "Frontierswoman" form, Prickly Pear succeeded in gaining the trust of the lacky who told her everything she wanted to know and a little more.

She immediately phoned Arizona Earth First! contact Pablo Desierto, and the two of them began an intense investigation and alert campaign. The next day they met with *Tucson Citizen* reporter Tony Davis at the site, and spoke at length on the phone with *Arizona Daily Star* reporter Jane Kay; both of whom produced lengthy and critical articles in the next day's papers. Earth First! was quoted in both as threatening a blockade to keep the miners from bringing in their heavy equipment the next week.

Immediately the Sierra Club, the Park Service, the local homeowners association, Pima County Parks and Recreation Department, and local recreation based businesses jumped on the bandwagon. This was a very clandestine mining operation, unknown to all of the affected parties. Everyone was incensed!

The BLM had approved a Mining Plan of Operation for the site one year earlier without any consultation with the Park Service, local landowners, or the county Parks and Rec. Dept. – which had expressed an interest in acquiring the 160 acres. The BLM approved the plan, which involves building a mill crusher and cyanide leaching operation *on site*, with a completely bogus Environmental Assessment. The E.A. claimed "no adverse impacts" on the environment and only "positive" effects on the local economy. The entire assessment of impacts was five sentences long.

After detailed coverage by the newspapers, TV and radio, including one trip to Tucson by NBC news from Los Angeles, Assistant Secretary of the Interior Garrey Carruthers temporarily halted the operation pending additional consultation. This consultation was not to take the form of official public hearings, however, much to the chagrin of the protesters. Instead, the BLM tried to hold an unadvertised meeting in the middle of the week, in the middle of the day, out at the mine site, under a blazing noon day desert sun. Nevertheless, the word got out and an angry mob of citizens raked various BLM officials over the coals for nearly two hours. Nothing was accomplished other than a heightening of outrage. The BLM official in charge, Art Towers, recommended commencement of the operation the next day.

In the meantime, Saguaro National Monument officially closed an old jeep trail leading to the mine across newly acquired Park property. A second and preferred access route to the mine leading across private property was also closed by the landowners and 'no trespassing' signs were posted. The miners were thus left with no way of getting to their planned operation. They claim that they cannot be denied access according the the 1872 Mining Law and have gone to court to seek an injunction against both road closures. Court dates are scheduled for July and September.

In a preliminary hearing May 23rd, the miners were given limited "custodial" access rights across the Monument land until the case is heard. They cannot mine pending a final decision by Carruthers and BLM State director Dean Bibles. Also, they can only use a maximum of a three-quarter ton van or pick-up on the temporary access route according to the courtroom compromise. (One miner lives in a trailer on site and claimed that he needed to get in and out.)

If the mining operation is re-approved – which is likely – and if the miners are able to win access rights across either route, then the moderate forces of opposition will consider it another defeat and drop out. It will then be the duty of Earth First! to carry on the fight beyond traditional means of opposition. We have stated repeatedly that a physical blockade will be organized if we do not succeed in other ways.

The impacts of this proposed mining operation on the National Monument will be significant in terms of wildlife, recreational potential, air quality, visual quality and noise pollution. There is absolutely no justification for mining activity in this area. The mining company, Consolidated Mining and Milling, Ltd., owns 7 claims covering the entire 160 acres of BLM land. They could conceivably mine the entire area and never have to file an EIS or even an E.A. if they do it at less than five acres per year. This is piecemeal destruction that must be stopped.

The miners and the BLM are citing the 1872 Mining Law as legal justification for the whole project. For the most part, there is little anyone can do legally, because the 1872 Mining Law *does* take precedence over multiple-use laws where valid claims are concerned.

Thus, unless we can get the land transferred to Saguaro National Monument (possible, but not likely) or get the 1872 Mining Law trashed (one chance in a million), then we are probably just looking at temporary delays. The above two schemes plus a few others are in the works right now. It is essential that no further activity be allowed to take place at the mining site. So far, no equipment has been brought on site for the milling and leaching operation. Earth First! and a large portion of the community are saying, "no mining-no way!" If and when we run out of legal and administrative roadblocks and a final solution has not yet been reached, Earth First! will physically blockade access until a solution is arrived at.

If you are willing and able to participate in a blockade (or in a support capacity), if one becomes necessary, please contact Pablo Desierto at P.O. Box 40154 Tucson, AZ. 85705. We will begin forming affinity groups and training in non-violent civil disobedience in June.

If you would like to express an opinion on this subject, choose a target from the list below and go for it.

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COORS – A PERMIT TO WASTE AN HISTORIC RIVER

We have previously reported on Coors Beer (Dec. 22, 1983) and on their efforts to build a new brewery in Virginia on the edge of Shenandoah National Park (Feb. 2, 1984). Here is an update.

by R.F. Mueller

Oh Shenandoah, I long to hear you
Away you rolling river

Picture a small, quietly flowing stream, deep-shaded by trees, with a blue mountain backdrop. The water is clear and fish are rising. Then picture this serenity broken by the appearance of a truck which backs up to the water, by men who wrestle a forty-two gallon drum from the box and empty its contents into the stream. You see a film spread on the water and smell oil! Imagine then that you return to see this obscenity repeated on 245 days of the year, during high water and low, winter and summer. You'll say I'm describing a hypothetical case of illegal dumping but that such flagrant continuance of the violation wouldn't be possible. Wrong! What I'm actually describing is the effective equivalent of what could occur – with full U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approval – on a real stream, the South Fork of the Shenandoah, hard by Shenandoah National Park, if the Adolph Coors Co. is allowed to build its proposed brewery in Virginia.

The case of this brewery illustrates how a cynical – albeit unspoken – understanding between industry, State water control boards and the EPA is thwarting the will of the people and Congress to achieve the goal of clean water and to protect our streams. It demonstrates the hypocrisy of governors such as Robb of Virginia and President Reagan who are currently filling the airwaves and printmills with their bombast about their determination to "clean up" the Chesapeake Bay, the estuary into which this water ultimately flows. So while there might be at least some justification for the issuance of permits for interim discharges to existing industries, what possible excuse can there be for creating new sources of such gross pollution? Is this the path to zero discharge?

In a previous article (EF! Brigid edition) I described the proposed Coors operation here in general terms and the threat to air quality and Park integrity. Before I go into the water pollution I shold mention that the tons of air pollutants generated by this plant would add significantly to problems such as the 50 percent reduction in white pine growth due to acid rain and other pollutants that already afflict the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Although no Coors truck as such will haul oil to the Shenandoah, a Virginia State Water Control Board permit approved by the EPA will allow them to discharge – slowly and subtly, from hidden outfalls – a 150 kilogram per day daily maximum and a monthly average of 101 kilograms per day of oil and grease into that stream. In more familiar terms this is equal to a maximum of 42 gallons or one barrel per day and a total of 245 barrels or 40 tons of oil and grease a year. Thus our earlier picture of illegal dumping is merely replaced by one of quasi-legal "oozing."

It should also be mentioned that there is no restraint in the permit on the chemical character of the oil and grease so that hyper-toxic materials such as PCB's could be included.

Although the high discharge limits for oil and grease are perhaps the most serious threat, Coors will also be allowed to discharge a daily maximum of 681 kilograms per day of suspended solids, large quantities of heavy metals such as chromium and copper, as well as chlorine and ammonia. Hundreds of kilograms

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SUMMER OF DECISION FOR CABINETS AND GRIZZLY

Last issue we reported on plans by ASARCO, US Borax and the US Forest Service to mine the wildlife-rich Cabinet Mountains Wilderness in Montana. Here is an update. The Earth First! Round River Rendezvous on July 7 will focus on this important issue.

by Jasper Carlton

The wildlife-rich Cabinet Mountains Wilderness in NW Montana became part of the National Wilderness Preservation System under the Wilderness Act in 1964. The American people assumed (incorrectly) that it was protected in perpetuity and would be managed as "forever wild." It is one of the few places in the lower U.S. where the magnificent grizzly bear has managed to survive. Mineral development activities in and adjacent to this wilderness now threaten both wilderness values and the great bear's survival.

Although provisions were made for valid mineral claims in designated wilderness areas under passage of the Wilderness Act (a compromise that has come back to haunt conservationists), it is equally clear under present law that these claims cannot be developed in a fashion that would degrade wilderness or endangered species values. The activities associated with mineral development, whether in the form of an open pit strip mine or an underground "post and pillar" method are not consistent with the preservation of wilderness values or the threatened grizzly. No amount of dollars could compensate or mitigate for the loss of these priceless natural treasures.

Unfortunately, the U.S. Forest Service, which manages the Cabinet Mountains Wilderness, has yet to recognize in its issuance of mineral exploration leases that the Endangered Species Act and Wilderness Act take precedence over private corporate mineral claims on this most sacred of public land. Widespread public outrage and legal action may be required to prevent mineral development in the Cabinet Mountains Wilderness. ASARCO (American Smelting and Refining Company) and U.S. Borax must be convinced to limit future activities outside of the wilderness and critical grizzly habitat areas in the Cabinet Mountains.

Although mineral exploration in the Cabinet Mountains Wilderness has come to a temporary halt due to the December 31, 1983 cut-off date, as soon as final validation of claims is completed, which is expected by mid-summer, additional mineral exploration activities in the wilderness is anticipated. Full scale development proposals by U.S. Borax and ASARCO in the Cabinets are expected this year.

A U.S. Borax plan of operation already calls for drilling hardrock exploration holes in the East Fork, Rock Creek and Orr Creek areas along the western boundary of the Cabinet Wilderness early this summer. The Cabinet Ranger District of the Kootenai National Forest has also begun work on another U.S. Borax Plan of operation in the Rock Lake area. This plan of operation also calls for drilling on several claims *inside* the wilderness. No action can be taken on these very sensitive sites until claim validation has been completed this summer. Once that occurs, Forest Service approval can be anticipated, and the crisis in the Cabinets will become very real.

As *Earth First!* goes to press we hear that U.S. Borax and ASARCO are now fighting between themselves over which holds the prime mineral deposits in the Cabinet Mountains. It is quite possible that both they and the Forest Service have underestimated the extent of public resistance to these destructive plans.

No additional mineral exploration or development should proceed in the Cabinet Mountains without preparation of an adequate Environmental Impact Statement (E.I.S.). An E.I.S. is required under the National Environmental Policy Act that would examine and make public *all* potential impacts of mineral exploration and development on the struggling population of Cabinet Mountains grizzlies and other living inhabitants of the area. The refusal of the Forest Service to engage in this open, legally mandated process demonstrates a bias in favor of development. Drilling, helicopter use, and mining support operations in wilderness and zones critical to the bear's continued existence in the Cabinet Mountains must be brought to a stop.

Although the Endangered Species Act and Wilderness Act remain intact to this day, their enforcement has sagged tragically under the Reagan administration. The "regulated," such as timber, mining, and energy companies, appear to be back in control of the "regulations." The grizzly bear, our greatest wilderness symbol and indicator of the ecological health of our wild lands in the northern Rockies, may be the first victim of this destructive swing in the political pendulum.

The U.S. Forest Service manages about 65% of all public lands designated for recovery of the grizzly bear in the lower U.S. It is highly unlikely that our last grizzly bear populations in western Montana and northern Idaho can survive a government policy that continues to ignore important wildlife values and needs while encouraging the private corporate development of oil, gas and mineral wealth and inflated timber harvest levels in our last undisturbed, wildlife-rich, roadless areas.

Most recently, the Forest Service has even refused to halt development activities in sensitive RARE II roadless areas containing critical occupied habitat of the grizzly bear, mountain caribou and gray wolf in Montana and Idaho National Forests. This is in direct defiance of Congress and the Ninth Circuit Court Decision. The decision by Tom Coston, Region I Forester, to continue with these illegal activities has been appealed to the Chief of the Forest Service in Washington and may soon be challenged in an appropriate legal forum if the appeal is not granted.

If we fail in our efforts to protect the biological integrity of the Cabinet Mountains Wilderness and our last undisturbed roadless areas (defacto wilderness), what does it say about the fate of all other wilderness areas in the antion? If we are unable to protect and nurture the grizzly bear in a legally designated National Wilderness Area, does the great bear really have a chance for recovery anywhere in the lower U.S.?

To express your outrage about mineral operations in the Cabinet Mountains write your Congressperson, and the District Ranger, Cabinet Ranger District, U.S. Forest Service, Trout Creek, Montana, 59874. Request that no additional mineral exploration or development activities be allowed in wilderness or critical grizzly areas in the Cabinet Mountains and that a full environmental impact statement (E.I.S.) be prepared.

Jasper Carlton is an experienced field naturalist in the Northern Rockies who has been working for many years to protect grizzly bear habitat.

Song for the Cabinets

Treat each bear as the last bear.
Each wolf the last, each caribou.
Each track the last track.
Gone spoor. Gone scat.
There are no more deertrails,
no more flyways.
Treat each animal as sacred,
each minute our last.
Ghost hooves. Ghost skulls.
Death rattles and
dry bones.
Each bear walking alone
in warm night air.

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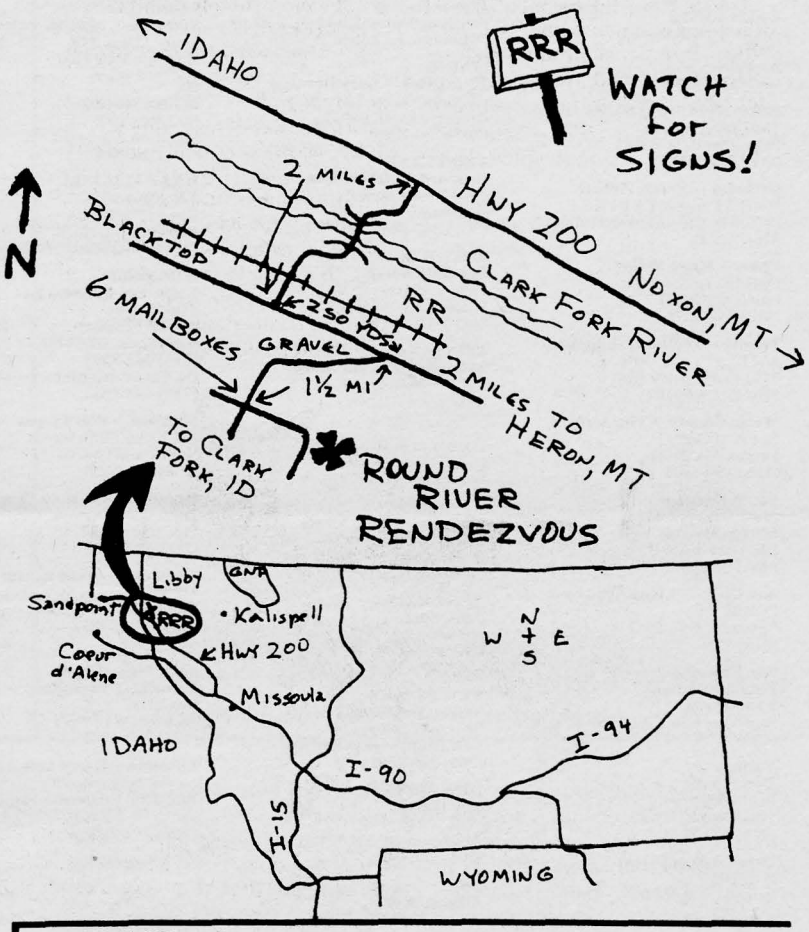
MAP TO ROUND RIVER RENDEZVOUS



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per day of biological oxygen-demanding materials will deplete the water of oxygen. Furthermore no one knows what synergistic or enhancement effects may occur between these pollutants admixed with oil.

A different perspective on the pollution concentrations that could result from the Coors operation is provided by comparison with one of the most polluted streams in the country, the Niagara River in New York. It is said that this stream with its 200,000 cubic feet per second rate of flow, suffers a loading of seven tons of toxic pollutants per day from industries on its banks. This is seven pounds for each 100 cubic feet per second of flow. However, the proposed Coors operation on the comparatively small Shenandoah – with a 155 cubic feet per second flow or less in dry season – could result in seven pounds of oil and grease alone for only 3.5 cubic feet per second of flow!

The tendency to pollute is inherent in any large industry, but in the case of Coors it is aggravated by that company's compulsive determination to integrate the operation by manufacturing their own beer cans, and it is from this can operation that the most toxic substances such as oil, grease and the metals result. Thus much unnecessary pollution would emanate from the same selfish stubborness that urges them to place the plant virtually on the boundary of one of our finest national parks.

Today there is indeed much concern about the deterioration of national park environs, about the commercial exploitation of surrounding air, land and water that threatens rare and endangered species and visual beauty. However, in this case surprisingly few objections have been raised to the discharges of fumes into park air and liquid wastes into a stream that has been considered for scenic river designation and which is a logical future addition to the Park itself. Surely this is an intolerable precedent to everyone concerned about our parks.

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GRASSROOTS EARTH FIRST! – AN ATTEMPTED EXPLANATION

The grassroots structure of Earth First! is partly that of *a movement and partly that of a specific organization.* It ranges from active, functioning Earth First! groups covering an entire state or region (such as New Mexico EF!, Florida EF!, San Francisco Bay Area EF! or Missoula EF!) *to more or less affiliated groups (such as the* Southern Utah Wilderness Association, Western Colorado State College Whitewater Club or Appalachian Survival). Some of these groups put out their own newsletters or *regular mailings, some have meetings,* all do things. There are also a number of areas where there is not an actual EF! group but where there is a local contact for EF!. There are others that fall somewhere in between. If you *want to become locally active with Earth First!, contact* the person listed for your area (this listing makes no effort at division of actual groups and contacts). If no one is listed for your area, and you would like to be a local contact or have a local EF! *group listed, please send your* name, address and phone number to Earth First!, 230 W 7th Ave., Chico, CA 95926.

McCLURE AMBUSHED IN IDAHO

Sen. James McClure, powerful chairman of the Senate Energy Committee, is trying to push a massive anti-wilderness bill for Idaho through Congress. Of the 8.5 million acres of unprotected national forest roadless land in Idaho, McClure's bill would protect only half a million acres and release the rest to destruction. Idahoans are organizing to fight McClure's bill. The following report is from conservationists in Ketchum, Idaho. See the Feb. 2, 1984, Earth First! *for details on Idaho Wilderness.*

The forces of wilderness destruction were met on the day of the full moon when Sen. James McClure (R-Idaho) was to speak before the Idaho Wildlife Federation in Sun Valley, Idaho.

But to get to Sun Valley, he would have to travel fourteen miles from the Hailey airport. At 3:30, we organized 125 men, women and children to greet the "honorable" one at the airport. We had numerous signs, the press and television. McClure jumped from the plane and into a Wagoneer. There was no reply to our chants of "Kill the Bill," and "We'll Remember in November."

Highway 75 travels from Hailey to the next wilderness fortress, Ketchum. As soon as the demonstration was over, we all dashed to our cars and gassed it up to Ketchum. The caravan was well ahead of the marked Wagoneer. Along the way the Senator saw banners and posters on the telephone poles exclaiming that his preservation of a mere 5-6% out of 8.5 million acres was absurd. We also had a mock accident that blocked one of the alternate roads to Sun Valley. We had him cornered, Ketchum was well manned by wilderness sympatherizers, but he managed to slip away. The well-greased cowardly rat.

His engagements prior to speaking to the Idaho Wildlife Federation mandated a cold compress to his brow. At the IWF function that evening, Walk Minnick, president of Trus Joist Lumber, was given the Conservationist of the Year award. Minnick accepted the award and denounced the deficit timber sales in Idaho. He also clobbered McClure's "Wilderness Bill" and his archaic release language. Herman McDevitt, who introduced Sen. McClure as the keynote speaker naturally gave the beaten dog a few more lashes. Hey, why not!

While up in his turret, McClure, the lap dog for the big timber and mining boys, stood by his decision and each verbal comment was a thrust in our environmental sides. But he did not realize that we are immune to these blunt arrows. These shots were like acupuncture and they made us stronger and more livid.

Overall, another battle was won for wilderness but the war rages on. Earth First!

– the Idaho Renegade

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Write to: Rep. John Seiberling,
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Write "For the Wilderness Hearing Record" at the top of your letter.
Condemn McClure's bill. Say that it should be killed.
Write also to Governor John Evans,
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and Sens. James McClure &
Steve Symms,
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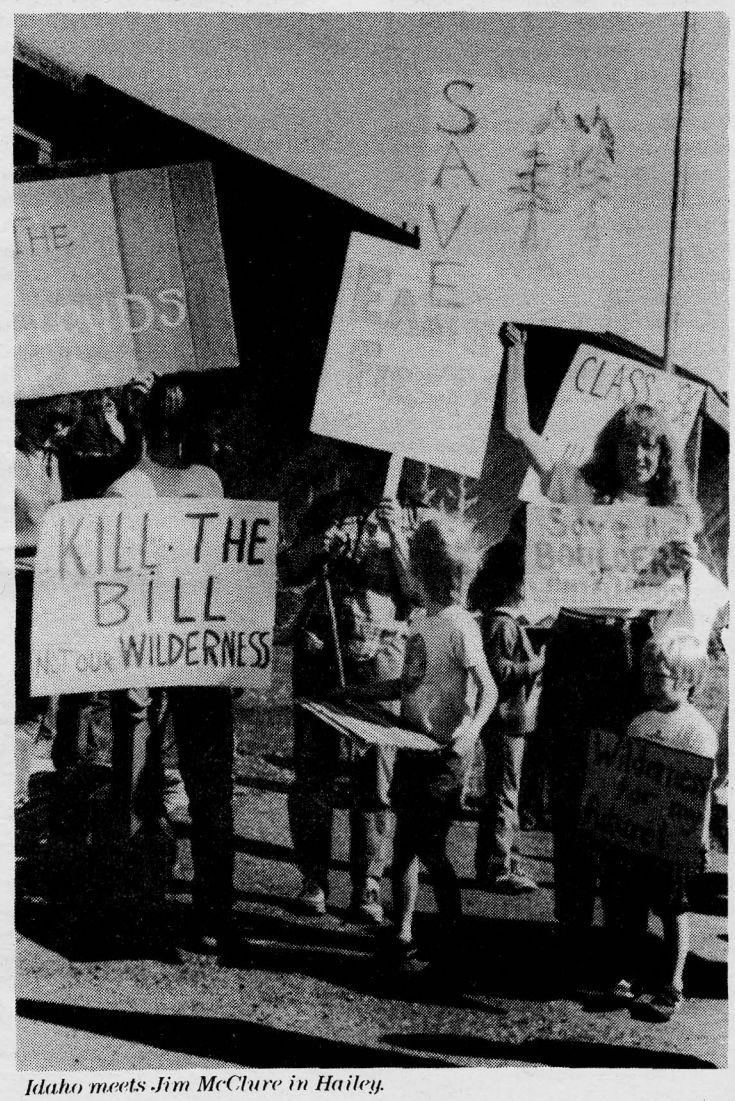


Idaho meets Jim McClure in Hailey.

LITTLE GRANITE WELL DELAYED

Two years ago it seemed almost certain that Getty Oil would construct a 7 mile long road up Little Granite Creek into the heart of the half-million acre Gros Ventre proposed wilderness near Jackson, Wyoming, and drill a major exploratory gas well on a high ridge in critical elk caving grounds. The Forest Service and Department of Interior were for the well. The local "moderate" environmental group, The Jackson Hole Alliance for Responsible Planning was waffling on the issue, thinking that maybe they shouldn't oppose the Little Granite Creek well in order to kill a proposed well in Cache Creek nearer to town. Tradeoffs. Others shrugged their shoulders, mumbled, "How do you fight big oil?" and ordered another beer at the Cowboy Bar.

Some didn't give up. Howie Wolke and Mike Roselle marched into an Alliance meeting and read them the riot act. The Alliance came out against the Little Granite Creek Well. Survey stakes for the road mysteriously disappeared and, although suspects were identified, a DA observed that there wasn't a jury in the county who would convict them. Then 500 Earth First!ers gathered on Little Granite Creek for the 4th of July Round River Rendezvous to tell Getty and the Freddies in no uncertain terms that they would never allow the road and well. Bart Koehler filed an appeal no one else had thought of doing.

Now the Interior Board of Land Appeals has vacated Getty's drilling permit and ordered a new Environmental Impact Statement that considers a "no-drilling' alternative. The moderates are slapping themselves on the back and deserve to do so. Victory is sweet. Even temporary victory. But we know who gave the environmental movement the backbone to fight the Little Granite Creek well. And we know who will be standing in the road with steely resolve if those bulldozers ever roll. As Howie Wolke was quoted in the *Jackson Hole Guide:* "There is no way in hell Getty's going to drill in Little Granite Creek."

WHITEWATER EARTH FIRST!

by Scotty Sidner

With the number of proposals to dam and alter our last remaining free flowing rivers increasing, the Western State College White Water Club of Gunnison, Colorado, has recently decided to incorporate "Earth First!" into our club in order to dedicate our energies to actively support all rivers that are eligible for preservation under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968.

This preservation system protects river sections from alteration or development like a wilderness area protects untouched wilderness.

We are also supporting the State and Local Rivers Conservation Act. If passed, this act would allow state and local interests to determine what should be done with local rivers. This would mean that "you," the people, would have more of a say as to what should be done with rivers in your area. This takes some power away from federal agencies that tend to have clogged ears when decisions are being made.

With petitions and personal letters to senators, legislators, and local representatives, we have pushed for preservation of the Gunnison Gorge section of the Gunnison River. This is a beautiful 26-mile section that runs below the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument.

As Earth First!ers we plan on continuing to push for preservation of rivers. Currently, no rivers in Colorado are under the Wild and Scenic Rivers preservation system, and no river has been protected under this act in the last six years.

If you are sick of looking at stagnant waters, and wondering what rapids used to be down there, get together with some of your river rat companions and start a letter writing campaign. We are fortunate to have the right to speak out for our beliefs, and for our wildlife friends who don't have a say for their survival. Tell our decision makers to stop this "Profit to Poverty," building of silt traps by the Bureau of Reclamation. (Soon to be the Bureau of Dredging.)

It's a dog eat dog, or a state eat state battle for water in the west. The struggle to protect rivers will get worse unless we act soon. A lot of developers are waiting with straws in their mouths with a tremendous thirst. They need to be slapped in the face. Sometimes it hurts to be rational, but like a growing puppy, they need to learn.

Scotty Sidner is the Earth First! contact for Gunnison, Colorado.

Rainforest billboard near Santa Cruz, California.

EARTH FIRST! AND WYOMING DEMOCRATS

by Harry Longbaugh

I certainly hope you're all sitting down as you read this. The delegates at the the 1984 Wyoming Democratic Convention in Douglas, Wyo., on May 5, 1984, ratified and included in the environment plank of their platform, their version of the Earth First! Wyoming Wilderness Proposal (see May 1, 1983 issue of EF!) by an almost unanimous vote!

By a quirk of fate and divine intervention, an Earth First!er was appointed to serve on the Platform and Resolutions, Environment and Natural Resources subcommittee (ENRS). This delegate was my very good friend Ric Hoogestraat, of Sundance, Wyoming.

The ENRS, after six and 1 2 hours of work, drafted these resolutions (the numbers correspond to the actual plank itself, these are direct quotes):

The Democratic Party of Wyoming believes that Wyoming can and will preserve its world renowned high environmental quality, its water, its land, its air, its inhabitants. In an era of great potential economic growth and development, to which Democrats are equally committed, we believe economic growth can be maintained within the controls needed to preserve the environment. To achieve this goal, the Wyoming Democratic Party:

3. Absolutely opposes the Wyoming Congressional Delegation's so-called "Wilderness" Act of 1982, which would reduce existing protection of Wyoming's Wilderness heritage. For the benefit of present and future generations of Wyoming, we support a much more comprehensive wilderness system which, in addition to existing designated wilderness areas, would include all areas identified in the second Roadless Area Review and Evaluation (RARE II), all areas classified as "primitive" or "natural study," all public roadless area, and all roaded areas whose original character could be recovered by the closing, recontouring, and reseeding of the road or roads.

4. Supports an immediate ban on any mineral leasing, exploration, off-road vehicle use, logging, and development in designated wilderness areas and other public lands recommended for wilderness as previously identified in Resolution #3.

12. Supports the preservation and maintenance of wildlife and its habitat in Wyoming by supporting and recognizing the Wyoming Game and Fish Department as the legal designated steward of our state's wildlife, and through designation of wilderness areas by ecological wholeness rather than by administrative convenience. We support the concept of the establishment of a special trust fund for wildlife.

These draft resolutions were unanimoulsy approved by the entire 1984 Platform and Resolutions committee, with no amendments, and in their entirety, the following day. Also included in the Agriculture Plank, and approved was this resolution (some do apologize for the compromise):

...[T]he following items are supported by Wyoming Democrats:

5. Reasonable multiple use and sustained yield of public lands limited to lands not identified in the environment and natural resources plank of this platform.

On the following day, the day of the convention itself, these resolutions were presented to the 494 delegates. Until now it was "too good to be true," something had to go wrong it seemed. It did. At 10:30 in the morning a confirmed rumor was out, that the democratic governor was opposed to resolution #3. He thought that it included too much land. The delegations from Cheyenne, Laramie and Jackson Hole were contacted and asked to support the plank in its entirety. In the process it was discovered that there were as many as 25 Earth First!ers seated as delegates!

At about 2:00 the platform approval voting began. The first two planks (State-National affairs and Education) slipped through without much debate – the ENRS was next. After debate and a ruined, amended resolution dealing with recycling reusuable materials, the real fireworks began.

Two "good ol' boys" from the terminally conservative northern part of the state moved to amend the plank by deleting resolutions #1 through #5. This was greeted by boos and muttered obscenities from the convention floor. Another delegate from the north spoke in opposition to this amendment, which would effectively "rip the guts out" of this plank. As people lined up at three microphones to argue this, someone asked for the "question." In "convention ese" this means to call for the vote. It also ends debate.

The first true wilderness proposal in the country was about the face the acid-test. All those in favor of deleting the wilderness designation portion (they missed #12!) were asked to vote (by voice). All 10 or so of them meekly responded. Then those who opposed the deletions were asked to vote. It's a good thing the building we were in was reinforced by steel. After asking for any more amendments (thank the Gods there weren't any), the chair asked that those who were in favor of adopting the Environment and Natural Resources Plank of the platform to "signify by saying aye." The response could have cracked Glen Canyon Damn! The rest is history. When you get a chance, hug a Wyoming democrat. I believe we have found a new form of direct intervention.

By the way, I'm moving. Look under the EF! contact list for the address and phone number where I can be contacted (My friend is good at taking messages and relaying information on to me!) Happy trails.

Harry Longbaugh is the Earth First! contact for eastern Wyoming. He has recently moved from Sundance to Laramie.

MURDER ON KEY LARGO

by Reed Noss

South Florida has the fastest-growing human population in the country. It also has a number of fascinating and unique ecosystems, including the *only* tropical forest in continental North America, north of Mexico. When you put the two distinctions together, you get the loss of something of immense and irreplaceable value. Especially when you mix in greed, violence and probable high-level payoffs.

Tropical hardwood hammocks are confined to south Florida and constitute one of the most limited and threatened ecosystem types in the state. They occur (or occurred) on elevated islands in the Everglades, and along the limestone ridges of the Florida Keys. A few tiny remnants persist along the Atlantic coastal ridge between Miami and Palm Beach, one of the most highly urbanized areas in the country. The best remaining examples are in the Florida Keys, with the largest on north Key Largo.

The tropical hammocks of north Key Largo are recognized as a mature vegetation type with a closed canopy of small to medium-sized trees (but *large* for the Keys). Soils are shallow and overlie porous limestone, which often outcrops. The vegetation is highly diverse, and is predominantly of West Indies origin. Common trees include gumbo limbo, satinleaf, poisonwood, wild tamarind, mahogany, pigeon plum, black ironwood, milkbark, Jamaica dogwood, white torchwood, short-leaf and strangler figs, fiddlewood, white and Spanish stoppers, spicewood, and paradise tree – a bizarre species list for a North American forest! The hammock community grades through a buttonwood transition zone to mangrove forest, with red, black, and white mangroves. Just off shore is the amazing coral reef.

Gumbo limbo tree in tropical hammock.

The tropical hammock and associated communities support a number of threatened and endangered species. Federally listed species include the Schaus swallowtail butterfly, American crocodile, eastern indigo snake, southern bald eagle, brown pelican, Key Largo woodrat, Key Largo cotton mouse, and West Indian manatee (offshore). The peregrine falcon occurs as a transient. Additional rare and endangered animals recognized by the state (some of which should receive federal status) are the white-crowned pigeon, mangrove cuckoo, black-whiskered vireo, Cuban yellow warbler, Florida prairie warbler, Florida tree snail, and the Maesites hairstreak butterfly. Rare plants recognized by the Florida Natural Areas Inventory (most of which also deserve federal status) include the golden leather fern, prickly-apple, geiger tree, wild cotton, twisted air plant, joewood, *Solanum bahamense*, powdery catopsis, mahogany mistletoe, dollar orchid, and Florida thatch palm. Some of these endangered plants are frequently poached by collectors and native plant nurseries, and have been eliminated even from state "protected" areas.

With all these endangered species and other natural values, one would think that preservation of north Key Largo would have strong public support. It does. But public support is not enough to stop rich and powerful developers from exercising their murderous greed.

With the exception of some skimpy state and federal holdings (the federal government plans to acquire significantly more land – 7,000 acres – for the Crocodile Lake National Wildlife Refuge, but is miserably slow in acting), most of north Key Largo is private land. A typical landowner is Harper Sibley, Jr., president of the exclusive Ocean Reef Club, vacation resort for Richard Nixon, Jacqueline Onassis, and other degenerates. Sibley calls those who voice concern over Key Largo's ecosystems "kooks," and says the proposed crocodile refuge is "one of the greatest stupidities I ever heard of."

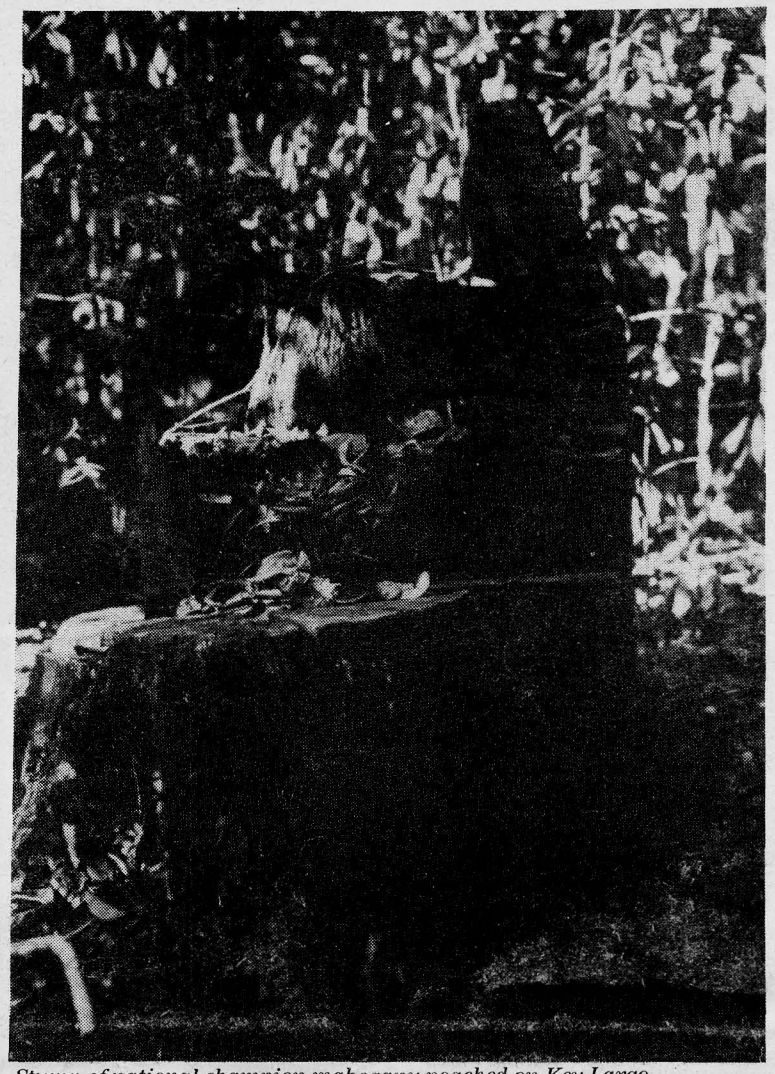
New developments planned for north Key Largo, if completed, would add some 45,000 people to the local population within 20 years. That is far more than the area can sustain without permanent destruction of life support systems for innumerable organisms.

Port Bougainville is the largest of these miserable projects, and has the worst track record for ethics, legality and concern for the environment. If and when completed (most people think it's inevitable), it will include about 2,800 apartments, two 300-unit hotels, a yacht basin, and several shopping malls – all in the heart of (former) tropical hammock. At least 400 acres of priceless habitat will be irretrieveably lost, and the effects of the project will extend far beyond its boundaries.

Perhaps most significantly, channel dredging for the marinas and big boats (of the rich bastards who buy these superfluous second-home resorts) will cloud the waters overlying one of North America's last living coral reefs. Add to this the heavy boat traffic and water recreation that this development ensures, and the corals will be smothered by silt. According to many marine biologists, this may be enough to kill the entire reef.

How are they getting away with all this? It seems to be a classic case of the monstrous government - big business - organized crime liaison. The Port Bougainville developers, who stand to make a million an acre on the project, have mysteriously been able to bypass most federal, state and county regulations. For example, the state's designation of the Keys as an "Area of Critical State Concern" has been meaningless in controlling development there. State, regional, and county planners – required by law to review all projects – never saw the Port Bougainville plans until *Miami Herald* reporters showed them copies. The plans show several violations of the law. As Geoffrey Norman pointed out in an April article in *Esquire*, "anywhere except in south Florida, a project such as this would have been stopped in its tracks long ago and some people involved in it would have gone to jail."

A biologist who works on Key Largo and has testified against the project, and wishes to go unnamed because of physical threats, told me about some of the Port Bougainville developers' recent behaviors. Bulldozer operators carry shotguns, and several endangered crocodiles and woodrats have apparently been shot. On one witnessed occasion, they intentionally covered a crocodile with fill. Just because it happened to live in a pond that was in their way. At public meetings and hearings, construction workers scream about jobs, ridicule the entire concept of endangered species (as if they could think in terms of concepts), and physically threaten biologists and environmentalists who oppose the devastation. They've got everyone running scared, including it seems, local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. Or perhaps those agencies are on their side. Intimidation and (probably) payoffs are why Port Bougainville survives.



Stump of national champion mahogany poached on Key Largo.

I visited north Key Largo in early May, to confirm some lists of endangered species on state holdings on the island. Driving through the Port Bougainville disaster area was a painful experience. Clouds of white limestone dust swirled from the hideous swaths being actively bulldozed through the rich tropical hammock, coating the vegetation and my car. Security guards at entry points discouraged the inevitable thoughts of monkey-wrenching. These bastards are powerful, yet obviously a little scared, and so far they're getting it all their way.

I must admit to a profound frustration about Port Bougainville. I don't know what Earth First!, or any other group, can do. The project is still being challenged in court, but the destruction continues 24 hours a day. Almost everyone concedes it is impossible to stop, although groups like Friends of the Everglades are making a valiant effort. I don't like to think about inevitabilities that are human-generated. I want to fight that shit. Yet a small (say, less than a hundred) group of nonviolent demonstrators here could very easily be in danger of their lives. In south Florida, people literally get away with murder (of crocodiles, woodrats, *or* people).

The principal lender for Port Bougainville is the Continental Illinois National Bank. Maybe we can hit them somehow. Port Bougainville's President is Fritz E. Scharenberg. Curse his name and wish him an early grave. But I'm discouraged. We need a lot more fighters. What it takes to stop a massacre like this might be nothing less than a gigantic hurricane, or an army of 1000 George Haydukes, fully armed. Please send ideas, soldiers, or encouragement to Earth First! Florida.

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EARTH FIRST! PROTESTS RAINFOREST BURGERS

by Mike Roselle

The Rainforest Action Network lives! From April 24th to 28th, there were over 20 separate demonstrations from coast to coast against BURGER KING on behalf of the world's threatened rainforests. The Rainforest Action Network emerged as a viable action-oriented group of concerned folks able to act on a moment's notice. We received calls and letters up to the last minute from people willing to get involved. Many people worked on a variety of levels to make the coordinated demonstrations happen and I think we all owe ourselves a round of congratulations.

The results of the action were in line with the goals we had set in the beginning. We were able to raise consciousness on the subject of rainforests, among ourselves as well as to the general public through the media. Coverage of the event was good. Herb Caen mentioned it in his widely read column in the *San Francisco Chronicle* and I had the pleasure of debating a franchise owner on television in Santa Cruz. There were many radio talk shows and newspaper interviews and numerous papers ran stories on the individual demonstrations. *Not Man Apart* and *Mother Jones* did articles on the action and we are receiving considerable response from readers of those publications. There was at least one billboard temporarily devoted to the preservation of rainforests.

We made many important contacts and gained the support of other organizations. Joining Earth First! in the effort were Friends of the Earth, the International Indian Treaty Council and a variety of local groups. Members of Greenpeace and folks from the All Species Project took part in different locations. Our thanks goes to the Public Media Center in San Francisco for their help in preparing the press releases.

The reaction from BURGER KING was also a desired one. While some franchise owners flatly denied the use of Central American beef, others were quite willing to spill the beans. The west coast operations admitted to using as much as 5% imported beef. In the southeast, BURGER KING confessed to using Central American beef, but they claimed everyone else does, too.

There was undoubtedly a lot of activity around the BURGER KING corporate headquarters in Miami with the press calling from all over wanting to get their position. Many of the franchise owners and managers also called in to see what the lowdown was. The Santa Cruz operator even agreed with us that it was wrong to exploit the rainforest and said she would discuss the situation with Miami. Many irate citizens called and wrote in their objections. In Chico, an entire class of 3rd graders wrote to ask BURGER KING to stop importing beef.

Ukiah, California.

WHERE TO FROM HERE

This was just a beginning for the Rainforest Action Network. We are currently making plans for an international rainforest action day sometime this fall or early winter. The Rainforest Information Centre in Australia will be working with the 30 or more organizations in their international network and more sponsors and participants are being sought. A date has not yet been set. To do this right, we need to start building for it now. Contact organizations in your area that may be interested and get endorsements. Compile a list of people who are willing to work on this and stay in touch with them. You may want to do additional demonstrations and leafletting at BURGER KING this summer, show slide shows, or hold teach-ins and meetings. Send us your ideas and comments.

We need to continue to educate ourselves on the issue. More research is needed. (See the Earth First! letter to BURGER KING for the kind of specific information needed on all fast food chains, as well as multinational timber companies and others involved in the destruction of the world's rainforests. Send us anything you uncover or suggestions for where to find such information.) National coordination is needed for the Rainforest Action Network. If anyone would like to work on this, please let us know.

The Rainforest Action Network is continuing to compile a list of rainforest activists. If you want to be active on this issue and help organize actions in your area or do research, drop us a note with your address and phone number. You are already on the list if you have been getting mailings from it. Note: this list is *not* confidential and will be sent to anyone who wishes to contact others in the network. We encourage this kind of contact. If you would like to receive a copy of the list, just send an SASE to Earth First! in Chico.

The Rainforest Action Network will continue to communicate through *Earth First!*. Feel free to use this newspaper to communicate to the network. Send us articles, photos, information, etc. I'll be leaving the tropical rainforest issue for awhile to join the Cathedral Forest Action Group in Oregon to help save some of our temperate rainforests from a similar fate at the hands of the US Forest Service. So, as the famous boxer Leon Spinks said when asked to what he attributed his unexpected victory over then-champ Muhammed Ali, "You got to know what you know, then do what you do." Keep up the good work!

Laramie, Wyoming.

WHERE IS THE BEEF FROM?

The following letter was recently sent to Burger King by Earth First!. The questions contained in it are those we should be asking all fast food chains and other corporations involved in tropical deforestation.

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7360 North Kendall Drive
Miami, FL

Dear Mr. Weir

As you know, during the week of April 24-28 there were some two dozen demonstrations outside BURGER KING restaurants around the United States and at the BURGER KING-owned Hungry Jacks in Sydney, Australia, to protest the importation of beef from newly-cleared rainforest in Central America. Prior to the demonstrations we attempted to communicate with BURGER KING on several occasions. We received one letter from Moyna Prince on your staff last winter stating that such information "was not for public disposition." A letter written by Mike Roselle to Ms. Prince in March received no reply at all.

We know that BURGER KING is a relatively progressive corporation and has been open to public involvement before on a variety of issues. We sincerely would like to work with you on the extraordinarily critical issue of destruction of tropical moist forest in Central America. In the spirit of that sincere desire to cooperate, we ask the following questions and would welcome whatever response you can give us.

1. How much beef has BURGER KING used from Central America? Please list the amount in total pounds and as a percentage of total BK beef consumption by year since BK began using Central American beef. Please break down the amounts by Central American nation.

2. Does BURGER KING or any subsidiary of BK or Pillsbury own or manage beef producing land in Central America? Is BK or any subsidiary of BK or Pillsbury involved in the distribution of Central America beef in any way?

3. How is beef distributed to individual BURGER KING restaurants? Please include the names of the distribution companies for all sections of the United States and whether they are controlled or operated by BURGER KING or Pillsbury.

4. Has BURGER KING or any subsidiary of BK or Pillsbury ever had purchasing agents for beef in any Central American nation?

5. Do you know of any other US corporations involved in the production, distribution or use of Central American beef? We are told that Jack in the Box, Hardees, A&W, and Piggy Wiggly Grocery Stores use Central American beef. If you have information on any of this or suggestions on where to locate such information, we would appreciate it.

6. Enclosed is a copy of a handout used at the BURGER KING demonstrations. We would appreciate it if you could identify any errors in it.

7. Is the use of Central American beef by BURGER KING limited to certain parts of the United States? If so, in which states have BURGER KING restaurants *ever* used Central American beef?

8. Would BURGER KING support measures by the United States government to prohibit the importation of beef from newly cleared rainforest areas in Central America? If not, why not?

9. Would BURGER KING be willing to participate in a program to protect remaining rainforest in Central America from conversion to beef pasture and to introduce sound grazing management practices to already cleared areas in Central America so that they can produce beef on a sustained yield basis?

We would encourage you to include whatever documentation you care to with your response.

We certainly appreciate your cooperation in helping us with these questions and we look forward to your speedy reply. We hope that we will be able to work cooperatively on this crucial issue and assure you that we will endeavor to fairly, honestly but very vigorously pursue the entire issue of destruction of Central American rainforest for the production of beef for consumption in the United States.

Sincerely,

Dave Foreman
for Earth First! and the Rainforest Action and Information Network

BURGER KING PROTESTED FOR RAINF

SAN FRANCISCO

The demonstrations against BURGER KING were kicked off in San Francisco on April 24 as the International Indian Treaty Council, Friends of the Earth, Earth First!, the crew of Greenpeace's Rainbow Warrior, and environmental singer Bill Oliver from Austin, Texas, gathered outside the Burger King at Powell and Market at noon. Oliver sang "Gotta have a habitat," a big brown-eyed cow chased the rainforest up and down the sidewalk, Bill Wahpepah, Dave Foreman and Randy Hayes were interviewed by dozens of newspaper, radio and TV reporters, and derilicts and punk rockers gather to watch the show. After distributing several hundred "Where's the Beef From?" flyers, the protestors repaired to a local watering hole to discuss the fun and to speculate on how much media coverage the demonstration would receive. Somewhere around the third pitcher the earthquake hit. One demonstrator was heard to mumble while holding onto a beer mug, "There goes our picture on the front page..."

San Francisco, California. David Cross photo.

SANTA FE

by Lance Christie

Despite winds gusting up to forty miles per hour, about 25 intrepid Santa Fe Earth First!ers and All Species Project collaborators picketed the Burger King in Santa Fe. Chris Wells' All Species people built a cow and, when the wind forced a cancellation of the real tropical tree, a cardboard palm. A quick raid of the trash at Burger King produced numerous boxes which were filled with rocks to prevent migration to California, and taped shut. A 20' banner read: "WHERE'S THE BEEF FROM?" It was carried by Mama Rue and local actor/Lake Foul demonstration veteran Doug Duran dressed as little old ladies. Because of the wind, most of the time they held the banner against the downwind side of the Space Turtle, which was parked in a prairie dog town fronting Santa Fe's main drag, Cerrillos Road, to give passersby an eye (and hopefully brain) full while the cow grazed on the tree and shat Burger Kings. About six EF!ers worked the parking lot and the drive-up window line, handing out flyers and explaining the "circus." Burger King management was studiously absent, leaving a junior adolescent trainee in charge. Customers ranged from indifferent to encouraging and sympathetic concerning the fast food/rainforest issue, with no hostile encounters.

A reprise of the banner and rainforest publicity is planned during the All Species Day parade and events on the Plaza in Santa Fe on Saturday, May 19th. The All Species Project has a particular concern with rainforest preservation because of the vast diversity of species dependent on the rainforest biomes of our planet. Members repeatedly thanked EF!ers for organizing the demonstration at Burger Kings nationwide to give the issue additional publicity and visibility.

Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Boulder, Colorado.

BOULDER

by Jeremy Kaplan

Earth First!ers in Boulder held a rally at Burger King on Saturday, April 28. We had a large two person papermache and fabric cow which was eating rainforest trees and shitting whoppers. About twenty people came to protest, including two local anarchists with very explicit signs about corporate profits, starving peasants and environmental destruction. We handed out about a thousand leaflets and appeared on one local TV news program and in three local newspapers. At the beginning of the rally we spoke with the manager of the Burger King and with a Boulder policewoman, and assured them that we were not intending to directly disrupt Burger King's business. We remained on the sidewalk in front of the place and leafletted cars coming in and out. At one point I went into the Burger King, spoke with the manager and ordered a whopper with no beef. The manager maintained that Burger King in Colorado uses only USDA beef. I asked him for documentation of exactly where his beef originated. He was not sure that he could produce it but he agreed to keep in touch with me and let me know what he could come up with.

After two hours at Burger King we went to the downtown mall, where we spent another hour and a half leafletting and talking to people. We found people to be generally sympathetic and interested in information. We had a sign-up sheet with us and got about fifteen new names on it.

Considering the last minute character of the organization for the rally, we felt it was very successful. I was personally impressed with how many creative and committed people appeared to help with it, who had no previous experience with this sort of thing. I also feel good that I was able to act more as a facilitator for other people's energy than in a "leader" role. Boulder is ripe for Earth First!

We are going to build on the momentum generated by the rally with a letter writing campaign to local newspapers, other rallies, such as at the "grand opening" of a new Hardee's restaurant, and with some as yet undecided action concerning a timber cut the Forest Service is planning at Brainard Lake, a very popular cross-country skiing, camping and hiking area in the mountains above Boulder. Most of what is needed to oppose the timber cut is a publicity campaign to let the people of Boulder know what the Forest Service is up to.

We are forming as an official student group at the University, in order to expand our base and to try to get funding. There have been some recent (unsuccessful) new right attacks on the funding for environmental groups on campus by the Students for a Better America, and there seems to be a need to define what a radical environmental group really is. To the SBA, anything to the left of William F. Buckley is radical. Among other things, there is a need to find out where the beef used by the campus food service comes from.

OREST DESTRUCTION

KANSAS
by Daniel Dancer

"Rainforest? What's this all about? What are they doing now, putting sawdust in our burgers?" Comments like that and the joy of educating the public made our Burger King demonstration in Lawrence, Kansas, a booming success.

The management was very pissed and responded appropriately by turning their sprinklers on. No problem. It was a rather warm day and we were glad to accent the situation with a rain of sorts. The looks of amazement and disbelief on passersby as we walked to and fro amidst the sprinklers carrying signs such as "Protect our Rainforests" were very gratifying. We passed out 400 flyers including 3 to friendly visiting policemen who seemed very anxious to protect our right to be there. Two Burger King customers came out of the restaurant after reading the flyer and carried picket signs and passed out flyers for the last hour of the demonstration. One employee quit and told of numerous arguments and questions from customers to burger personnel.

It's been rather frustrating being an Earth First!er in Kansas. All the action is out west. It was great to work on an issue as important as our Rainforests. By the nature of the response I received I came away with the notion that perhaps one person can made a difference. I spoke to the Kansas University student council the week of the demonstration who by coincidence was considering letting Burger King or McDonalds set up a fast food operation in the student union. I had only 5 minutes but the Rainforest issue is so powerful it caused quite a stir.

During the demonstration Carla Vogel, the student body president, came by to picket and brought a copy of the Daily Kansan along describing how the fast food petition was vetoed primarily because of the rainforest issue.

The clincher was that night at the Lawrence Opera House when Albert Griffths of the Gladiators (a top Reggae Band from Jamaica) mentioned seeing the demonstration as a prelude to his very political and hard driving "Not afraid to Fight."

A very magical day!

MICHIGAN
by Hiawatha

We had about 8 or 9 people show up in front of Burger King in Marquette, Michigan, to protest against their role in tropical deforestation. Protesters braved temperatures in the 40's and gusty winds bringing the wind chill below freezing. We placed flyers on car windshields in the parking lot. Overall, the demonstration was a local success, although there was, at least in effect, a media boycott of our event despite its location on the main road and the press releases handed personally to media reps. While trying to restrain placards from running away with the wind, we handed out information to incoming cars, and we were surprised to find over half of the people stopping to accept one. This was the first action of a fledgling Earth First! association in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

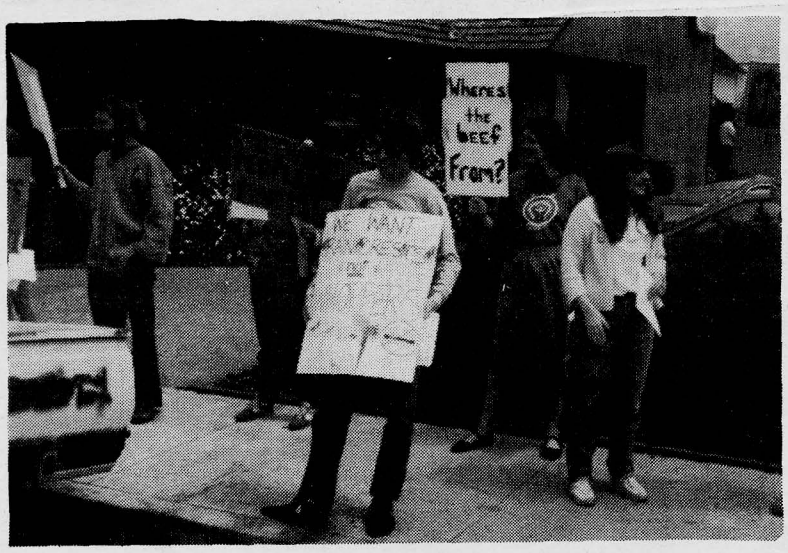
— *"Hiawatha"*

EUREKA
by Michele Kagan

Sixty rainforest fans and one people-powered cow demonstrated with signs and banners in front of the Eureka, CA, Burger King on April 28th. Earth First! and Central America Solidarity joined together to organize the event. We were able to leaflet hundreds of people during the noon lunch hour rush and a good time was had by all.

The local Burger King franchise owner was also passing out leaflets which stated that his franchise uses 100% American beef and asked us if McDonald's (directly across the street) had put us up to this. It is not likely that his claim of using only domestic beef is true.

Our action was directed at the Burger King corporation not the local franchise owner. It was a good feeling to know that similar actions were taking place in other cities to protest the outrageous crime of tropical rainforest destruction for corporate profit in the U.S.



Eureka, California.

Fairborn, Ohio.

OHIO
by Peggy Wright

Because the media did not attend our celebration/demonstration, we created our own newscast to inform our community of our activities. The following was presented at a Saturday night campus variety show and was very well received.

NEWS UPDATE: FAIRBORN

Today in Fairborn, 20 Antioch College Students dressed up like activists and trees and paraded in front of a Burger King Restaurant,

They attracted quite a bit of attention and upset the Burger King employees.

They were participating in a nation wide Earth Day protest directed at Burger King, protesting the use of Central American beef in Burger King hamburgers.

Central American pastureland is created by destroying the tropical rainforests. These rainforests are sensitive, non-regenerating ecosystems. Already, 40% of the Central American rainforests have been destroyed.

If better range and stock management methods were employed, beef exportation levels could be maintained without destroying another rainforest tree.

Not only is buying Central American beef bad for Central America, it is bad for the U.S. DDT and Dioxin are used in Central American as pesticides even though they cause cancer in Americans.

And buying imported beef means less jobs for fellow Americans.

These were some of the things Antioch students told innocent passers-by and Dayton policemen during the demonstration.

They chanted slogans like:

Eat a whopper, Kill a tree
Hold the pickles, hold the lettuce, killing trees does upset us, and Buy American Beef.

And sang "Happy Earth Day Dear Burger King"

At the same time, a counter demonstration was staged by some neighborhood youths. They were dressed as young Ohio conservatives, in camouflage truckers hats, riding bicycles with fat tires. They carried signs made from twigs and toilet paper which didn't say anything. They chanted such slogans as:

What planet are you from?
and Eat the beef, Eat the beef.
For News Update Fairborn, this is Peggy Wright
Good night.

This piece followed the newscast. Introduced it by saying this is one of the most flexible, versatile issues to come along in a long time.

We think every political/social faction on this campus can get involved in saving the Central American Rainforests from its own perspective. Here are some examples of how this might work:

First, obviously, you environmentalists and ecology types can get excited about trying to save another endangered and precious wilderness area.

and you Save the Animals folks can get incensed about the destruction of all those thousands of rare birds and insects that only live in the Central American rainforests.

and the Feminists can get into it because one of the issues is that 93% of the land is owned by 7% of the people, but it's probably really owned by 3.5% of the people because it's a patriarchy down there too.

and the anti-imperialist pro-third-world people now can have *another* reason for wanting the U.S. out of Central America.

and the socialists can get excited because it's capitalism and profits and private property that have made people start growing beef there anyway.

and the veggies can have a hey day, because not only should we not be eating Central American beef, or Burger King beef, we shouldn't be eating beef at all, so it's a pretty perfect issue for you all.

especially if you're a feminist vegetarian, or a socialist vegetarian because then you're killing two birds with one stone, but if you're also a save the animals type, that phrase about the birds doesn't work too well...

and the Glen Helen association members can get upset because all of the songbirds up here winter down there and if there aren't any trees there, the birds won't have anywhere to go.

and you generic politically-correct people can go wild with this issue because you can be all of the above factions at once without compromising your political correctness.

and you anti-politically correct types can just say you hate Burger King and would like to see them out of business and then you won't have to commit yourselves to any beliefs at all.

and the generic hippies can feel good about helping people learn to eat better by not buying whoppers, and also, there're finally some protests to go to!

and listen, even you all who don't have any convictions at all can get involved because a lot of oxygen is produced in the rainforests and you need to breathe and if there are no more rainforests there won't be enough oxygen and then you'll be in trouble.

Did I miss anyone?

This went over extremely well.

Members of the audience cheered for their own particular factions – lots of energy!!

Left a good taste in everyone's mouth – sweet seeds are planted...!

PORTLAND
by Mama Sluglips

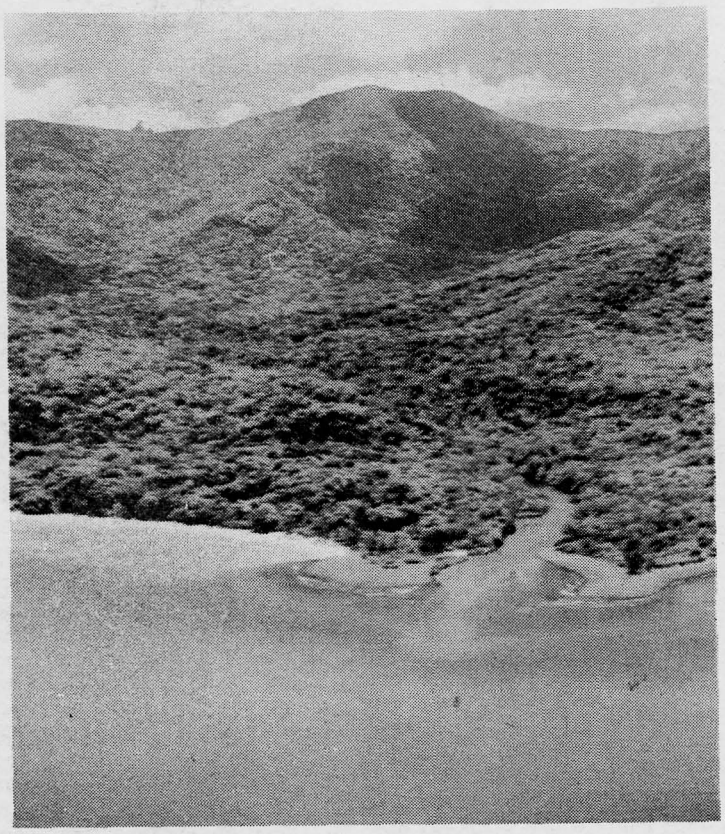
On April 28th, Portland EF!ers joined by friends from ALERT, The Alliance For Social Progress, and Greenpeace carried signs and distributed "Where's the Beef From?" leaflets at a Portland Burger King Restaurant. About 400 leaflets were handed out during the noon hour demonstration.

Our Burger King target covered a whole city block. That gave us entrances from four streets to cover. In addition, the Portland area Burger King offices just happened to be located across the street.

The Burger King manager was out within two minutes of our arrival requesting a leaflet. Then an executive from the Burger King offices informed us that Portland Burger Kings do not serve Central American beef. (How did he know?) He said that only Florida Burger Kings serve Central American beef. He assured us that we were misinformed.

A photographer from the local paper took pictures of the demonstrators carrying "Where's the Beef From?" signs with the Burger King sign in the background and Burger King's huge American flag flying above. An employee from the neighboring McDonalds followed her lead and shot photos of the demonstrators and Burger King. We gave this McDonalds spy a leaflet and said we might be at McDonalds the next time.

DAINTREE TROPICAL RAINFOREST – A WORLD HERITAGE WILDERNESS



The following report and photographs are from the Australian Conservation Foundation. International action is urgently needed to save the Daintree from road-building and logging.

The wild tropical rainforests which blanket the mountain ranges and valleys between the Daintree River and Cooktown are precious and beautiful.

Here along the coast, is our last major intact area (120,000 ha) of virgin tropical rainforest, contained within a 350,000 ha region of rainforest and associated vegetation.

Living fringing coral reefs and white beaches form the eastern margin. (South of the Daintree many fringing reefs have been killed by siltation and pollution following land development.) Huge laurels (*Calophyllum inophyllum*), cottonwoods (*Hibiscus tiliaceus*) and wild frangipanni (*Cerbera mangas*) overhang the beach on the edge of the rainforest.

From the coast the rainforest climbs abruptly over 1000 metres to giant boulder outcrops of Thornton Peak and Pieter Botte. The Roaring Meg Creek silently gathers its headwaters in this granite upland before crashing seawards in spectacular falls.

Beneath the forest canopy is a clear understorey with knotted lianes, and a profusion of small trees, palms, fungi, vines, ferns, mosses, and leaf litter. Buttresses protrude from the forest giants, often covered with flower or fruit. The still blue pools of the unpolluted creeks abound with jungle perch, turtles, crayfish, water snakes and eels.

Everywhere there is an intensity of life.

Flora

The Daintree-Cooktown region may hold the key to unravelling the origin of flowering plants on earth. Eight of the world's 14 primitive plant families are represented here by plants such as *Idiospermum australiense* and *Austro balieya scandens*. Botanists regard the area as a living museum, and believe that within the area, forest has existed continuously for possibly more than 100 million years.

The proposed Greater Daintree National Park contains a range of plant communities including lowland and montane rainforests, wet and dry sclerophyll forests, mangroves, fan palm and melaleuica swamps. The diversity of plant species and associations in the area cannot be equalled anywhere in Australia.

Scientific study in the area has barely commenced and as many as 10-11% of the species are as yet unnamed.

Fauna

The greater Daintree forests are a refuge for many animals, some rare and others occurring only in the region, whose habitats are suffering accelerated destruction. Bennett's tree kangaroo is found nowhere else in the world. Much of the fauna is undescribed or awaits detailed study. Intriguing creatures such as the cassowary, the Cairns birdwing butterfly, Boyd's Dragon and the Giant Atlas moth live here. Twenty species of bats have been recorded.

The daytime forest resonates to the call of white-tailed kingfishers, rainbow lorikeets, noisy pittas and scrubfowl. A rain of seeds betrays the presence of Wompoo and Torres Straits pigeons in the canopy. The exuberance of life is expressed in the reckless flight of shining starlings, the hoodlum shouts of cockatoos and the colourful undulations of tropical butterflies.

As dusk deepens, the low swerving flight of swiftlets is replaced by the fluttering manoeuvres of bats. The darkened forest holds the furtive movements of possum, glider, quoll, native rat, mouse, bandicoot and the silent stealth of the amethystine python. The timeless calm may be shattered by the scream of a barking owl.

Wilderness

People have long sought peace and tranquility in wilderness. Today both wilderness and rainforest are diminishing rapidly – globally rainforest is disappearing at the rate of an area the size of Victoria each year (U.S. Academy of Sciences).

The proposed Greater Daintree National Park contains two major areas of rainforest wilderness.

The coast wilderness stretches from the sandy beaches of Cape Tribulation to the Upper Roaring Meg Valley and Thorton Range.

The Upper Daintree River forms the heart of the wilderness area to the west. Here a wide clear and swift stream, it flows through a steep sided valley fringed with rainforest.

Protection or Devastation

These outstanding natural values have led to listing of the area as a National Heritage (Registering the National Estate), and recent recommendation by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources for listing as a World Heritage.

The Queensland Government has reserved only 10 to 15% of the area as National Parks, and these have not protected all the major features, the wilderness areas or the ecological integrity of the region.

Recently the Cape Tribulation National Park was violated by bulldozers in an attempt to construct a through road.

The Road

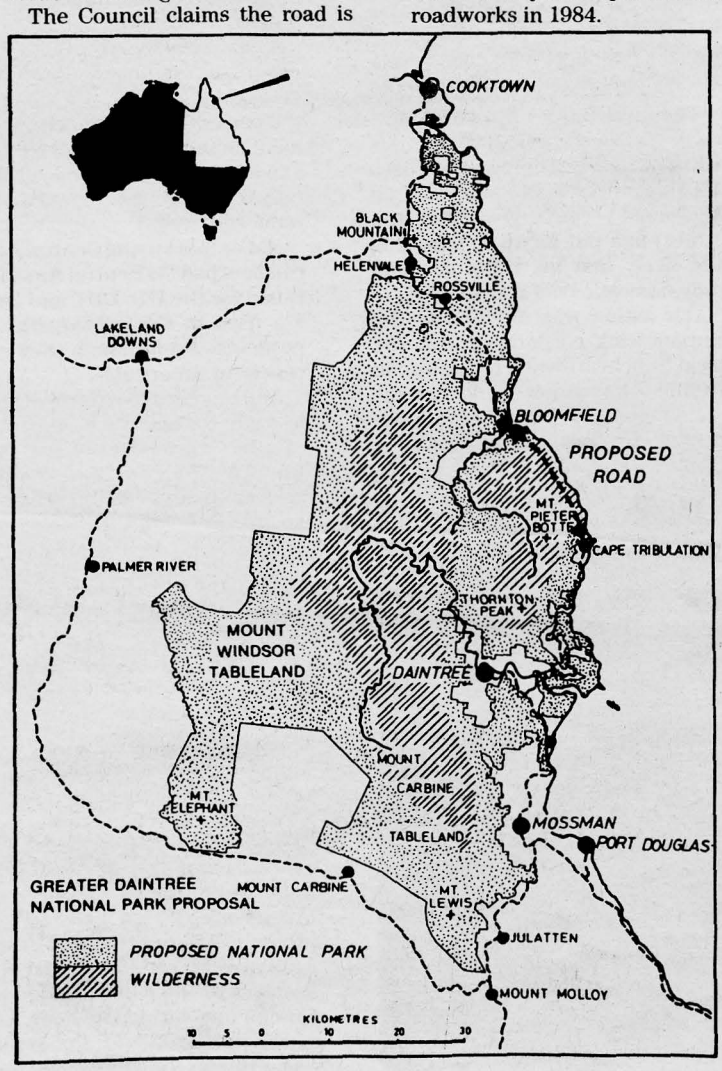
During December 1983, the Douglas Shire Council bulldozers pushed into the coastal wilderness in the Cape Tribulation National Park, funded with $100,000 from the Queensland Government.

No preliminary survey was made of the road alignment. An "Environmental Impact Statement" prepared by the Shire Engineer makes shallow mockery of the great scientific value of the origin.

The Council claims the road is essential to provide short four-wheel drive access for the people at Bloomfield – yet it would shorten their drive to Cairns by only 5 km. Many Bloomfield residents are opposed to this road.

Queensland has a tradition of not permitting the construction of through roads in national parks and the State law expressly forbids such roads.

Blockade action has successfully slowed the construction. Council intends to try to complete the initial roadworks in 1984.



Other Threats

The proposed road is only the thin edge of the wedge of development in the wilderness and the Greater Daintree region. The Queensland Forestry Department has plans to log some of the remaining virgin areas outside National Parks if access becomes available. Tin miners are working in the area. Cane farmers and real estate developers are anxious to expand their activities.

Conservation

The Greater Daintree National Park will protect an entire ecosystem, and provide opportunities for natural history study and outdoor pursuits.

Gazettal of this Park would be a major step toward the conservation of the rainforests in the humid tropics of Queensland. It will ensure the area remains a "crowning jewel of all of our natural wonders."

The Great Barrier Reef which is situated immediately to the east of the area is already on the World Heritage list. Here we have a chance to protect one of the world's most magnificent scenic rainforests alongside the world's finest coral reef region.

World Heritage listing would confirm the International importance of the area and protect the area if the state government will not face up to its responsibilities. The responsibility for nominating the area for the World Heritage list rests solely with the Federal Government.

"The area provides a living museum of plants and animal species in what is one of the few remaining examples of undisturbed coastal rainforest in the world."

– Hon Johannes Bjelk-Petersen, Premier of Queensland, at 2nd World Wilderness Congress, Cairns 1980

IN SEARCH OF NATURAL THEOLOGY

by Senegal Doren

The speaker at the forest industry convention was visibly agitated. He was addressing his fellows on "The Environmental Peculiarity." "These people, these fanatics," he cried, "This ecology *thing* – it's a religion to these people!"

An interesting perspective, isn't it? Evidently we think the environmental movement gives the appearance that we believe in something beyond our press releases and picket lines. Is the man right? *Is* ecology a religion for us, or is it merely *like* a religion? Is it even that? Some may see ecology in a purely scientific light, or as nothing more than a political buzz-word.

Perhaps it's just that we are not accustomed to thinking of ecology in religious terms or viewing religion in ecological terms. Why should we even think about trying to reconcile them? Doubtless many will consider any attempt at combining the two to be as easy and useful as trying to mix cow pies with the clouds. After all, aren't the basic notions of ecology and religion in fundamental opposition to one another?

If today they appear to be in opposition, we should realize that it hasn't always been this way, and that it need not be so now or in the future. Actually, I think most of what we perceive to be contradictions between ecology and religion has to do with our confusion over the thousands of ways we have sought to define the latter, and not so much in how we have come to conceptualize the former.

What does religion mean to you? Anything at all? Does it mean faith, scripture, doctrine, ritual, meditation, worship of supernatural embodiments? Is religion the domain of the spiritual and the metaphysical; the questing after the universal and the eternal? Is it the search for answers to the problems of meaning, of purpose, of life and death? Questions, questions! What *does* religion mean?

Since it apparently means something different to everybody, it's beginning to look as though the word doesn't really communicate anything of an objective nature any longer. It has come to convey something entirely beyond objectivity, something quite un-worldly and utterly untouchable. Religion hasn't always been this way.

If we can't find a useful answer to what religion *means* these days, then let's examine instead its function – what religion *does*. Let's cut through all the centuries of dogma and darkness and look hard at the religious *process*.

At their core, at their most elemental, aren't our religions and theologians and cosmologies simply our individual and collective attempts to systematically *place* ourselves in the order of all things? Might it be that relgious thought and expression can be viewed in an essentially biological sense, as the process by which we human animals seek to define the parameters of our *ecological niche* (our own "place in the order")?

This objective ecological view of the religious process has some interesting ramifications. First, since biologists maintain that all other organisms "instinctively know" their niche by virtue of their genetic make-up, it seems reasonable to suggest that our capacity for "religious" thought and expression – our capacity to learn to know our niche – is an inherited biological trait of our species.

Second, if the capacity for religiousness is a genetic trait, it follows that different *expressions* of this trait will vary in terms of their relative *survival values*. Some forms of religious expression, of niche definition, will therefore be seen to be more *adaptive* for our species than others. *This* knife cuts very deeply.

For example, what survival value is there in a cosmology which completely denies our earthly context, and instead defines our proper place, our niche, in terms of a never-seen extra-terrestrial spirit realm – a theology which curses the Earth as the dominion of evil and which elevates to the level of the "holy" our crusade to subjugate and consume the living world?

What is the adaptive value in those ways of life which totally exclude the reality of the non-human world and the interrelatedness of all things? What chance for long-term survival would you give a race of beings which despises and mutilates the very source of its life?

Our thinking has become terrifyingly twisted. It's no wonder so many of us feel lost and confused about the nature of reality (and the Reality of Nature). It's the great tragedy of our kind, for apparently, *H. sapiens* is a child prodigy that has locked itself in its toy-room, its fantasy world, and has gone completely insane.

We must fully apprehend the fact that if our species had grown up with the proper attitude toward our place in Nature, we could have been the best thing ever to happen to life on this planet! Instead, we have become the most terrible scourge (short of some cosmic calamity) ever inflicted on the living Earth. Where did we go so far astray, and how can we reawaken to a sane reality?

Might it be that we only started being a deadly danger to ourselves and the world when we stopped thinking of the Earth as holy? We once did, but a long time ago we "decided" we were no longer content to live *within* Nature but that we must live *above* it. Certainly any notion of Earth-is-Paradise had to be rejected if we were to civilize (i.e., control, rule) the world. How could we possibly feel worshipful over that which we were poised to rape?

Let's open our eyes now to the fact that we have been lied to. Worse, we've been lying to ourselves as well. Lying about Earth and our place in it. Why the denial? *Can we not see this is Paradise itself we are plundering?*

It's time we brought Paradise down to Earth again. Of course it has been here all along, we just haven't been allowed to see it that way. The sad fact is that most of us *don't* want to see it that way, which is the primary reason this incredible mass-deception has been so successful for so long.

But the Earth *is* Paradise, the *only* Paradise, and deep down we know it. *You know it!* Paradise is here, it is now, it is very, very real, *and we are destroying it!* Yes, you and me, *we* are destroying this ultimate exquisite preciousness!

I am crying.

Crying because we don't even seem to be Earth people anymore. Crying because spiritually we're aliens on our own planet. Isn't this mad? We live cubicled and suspended in some perverse supra-natural demi-world created in our own image. How can we break free of this mind-prison, and find our way back to reality and the Earth? Do *you* want to come back? I do!

But how? How do we find our way to a new wholesome relationship with the Earth, to a new natural human ecology, to a new natural theology? How can we learn to know our place in the Earth when we've been away for so long? There's no map, no guide book, no recipe or formula, no chapter and verse we can turn to. We have sighted land again, but our sails have no wind, and the current is strong against us.

Take heart, though. At least now we know where we have to go and what we have to do. Clearly, in order for our species to achieve long-term survival in a geologic time sense, in order for us to achieve "eternal life," we must realign ourselves in unity with the living, loving Earth which gives us life and which lives within us.

This realignment process will not be painless. Our enemies – the enemies of the Earth – will make sure of that. Our journey home will demand sacrifices of each and every one of us. For us to have hope of seeing the coming Dawn it's obvious we will need each other, and we will need to bring others to the Earth's way as well. You can't do it by yourself – there's no such thing as an ecology-of-one.

Difficult as it will be, it promises to be a marvelous and exhilarating journey! We will discover many forgotten things and experience a flood of fresh insights, one of the first of which is that we have a tremendous head start over the seekers of days past. For if we totally accept that we are truly one being with the Earth, then we already know where we come from, and where we are, where we are going, and more importantly, where we are *not* going.

In fact, we might even discover that we already "know" most of the things we need to know to find our way to the New Age. There is a great and ancient wisdom in our deeper selves, in the lives of our fellow creatures and in the Earth, and if we'd but accept this wordless wisdom in reverent silence and with an open soul, we would soon achieve the full, joyous revelation that ecology – the complete interrelatedness of all being – is the most fundamental and profound religious truth of all. It is only with this knowledge that we will be prepared to undertake our journey toward Earth salvation.

'mid the frost she saw
steam rising from fresh cow pies
merging with the clouds

PLEASE HELP SAVE THE DAINTREE RAINFOREST

The Director General of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, Kenton R. Miller has written to Australia's Prime Minister, Bob Hawke, urging him to:

"do all possible to save this important natural area... which is of world heritage quality."

After reading the above article about the Daintree Rainforest, please write to Hawke also (and encourage others to do so) urging him to take his international obligations seriously. His duty to the biosphere should not be thwarted by a short-sighted State Government in Queensland.

Some points to consider:

The world's rainforests contain fully half of the world's species of plants and animals – the very womb of life. The continued evolution of life on this planet depends on the survival of the genetic materials contained therein.

The continued existence of the tropical rainforests beyond the first few years of the next century is in doubt.

Australia, as the only developed country to contain tropical rainforest, has the moral duty to show the way to those poorer nations which will have to take steps to preserve *their* tropical moist forests if the genetic future of the Earth is to be maintained.

The Prime Minister,
The Rt. Hon. R.J. Hawke,
Parliament House, Canberra,
A.C.T. 2600, AUSTRALIA

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LETTER FROM AUSTRALIA

by John Seed

Friends; Well, slowly recovering from my Road Show hangover. I was going to write up some of my impressions, but I confess it's a bit of a blur. I had a great time meeting so many good folks. Want to thank you all for being there and keeping the faith. We may be organizing a Road Show for here soon.

Next week, the Rainforest Information Center is heading up to Cape Tribulation in North Queensland to continue the blockade we were having before the rains to stop the roading of the Daintree tropical rainforest. We've got a 1957 Reo school bus fitted out as a mobile environment center/kitchen/whatever. It's painted up as a rainbow and we'll be putting *EARTH FIRST!* on the side. Looks like maybe eight adults and four or five kids will be travelling up in the bus accompanied by a convoy of other vehicles to stop the 'dozers.

We had a Daintree Day rally in Sydney on April 28 and I spoke to the crowd of about 1000 about the hamburger connection and the demonstrations you folks were having on behalf of the rainforest that very day. Everyone dug it and after the rally, a bunch of us went down to Hungry Jack's (like Burger King, controlled by Pillsbury) and handed out fliers, waved banners, beat on drums and scared the customers away.

The Solomon Islands rainforest protection plan is going well. Our friends and Earth First! contacts Vincent Vaguni and Job Dudley were both elected to the Western Solomons Provincial Parliament, and then Job was elected Premier (like Governor of a State). I'm heading back that way soon. Job says that the Save Rainforests banner (with "Earth First!" written on it) is hanging in his office much to the dismay of multinational loggers and other riff raff that drop by. We also made him a nice letterhead.

There was the biggest ever peace march in Sydney in April. 120,000 people on the streets. Every weird group you can imagine was represented and they all had their colorful banners and songs. Helen Caldicott adressed the crowd.

It looks like the governing Labor Party is going to alter its no-uranium-mining policy at its annual conference in July, and we'll be heading down from the Daintree (2,500 miles) to the Federal Capital, Canberra, to raise hell. About half of our Nomadic Action Group is down there already with a Peace Embassy tent on the Parliament House lawns and an office in town to organize the event.

The world rainforest action network keeps growing. Our material is being translated into different languages and we may be ready for a worldwide action next year.

John Seed of the Rainforest Information Centre in New South Wales recently toured the United States with the Earth First! Road Show. Now he is traveling Australia with the Nomadic Action Group (NAG). Here is his report on recent developments 'down under.'

DEAR NED LUDD

DEAR NED LUDD is a regular feature in *Earth First!* for discussion of creative means of effective defense against the forces of industrial totalitarianism. Neither the Earth First! movement nor the staff of *Earth First!* necessarily encourage anyone to do any of the things discussed in DEAR NED LUDD.

SECURITY

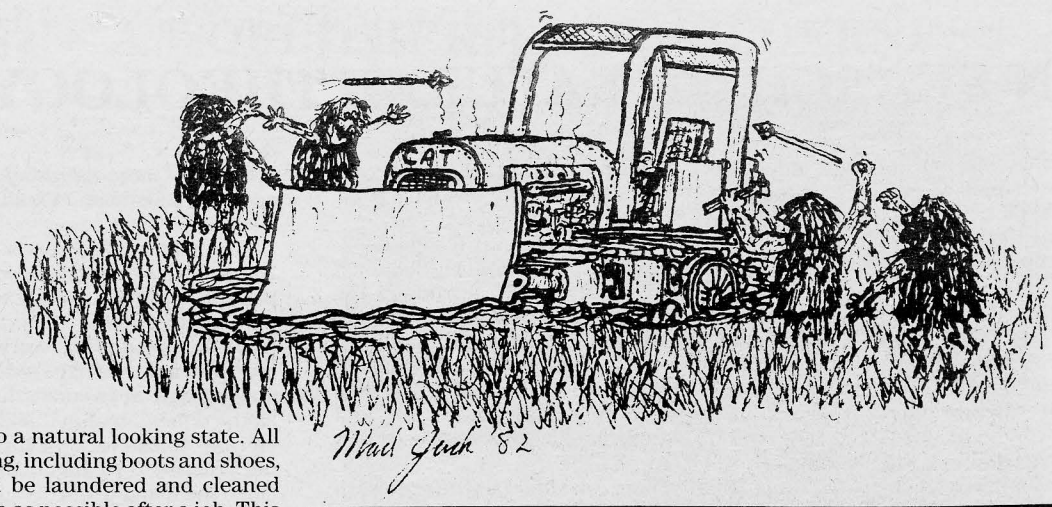
I found one dangerous suggestion in the otherwise flawless "Roads and Survey Stakes" by William Haywood. Namely: "...the only proper disposition for the obnoxious flagging is to carry it out."

Sadly, this view is both ecologically pure and purely dangerous. To sacrifice even one monkeywrencher to the judicial and prison systems in the interests of removing a bundle of incriminating plastic from pristine wilderness is sheer folly. My opinion is based on the following:

Legal points. There is one major reason why the monkeywrencher should avoid carrying on his person or in his vehicle any potentially incriminating items that are not essential to the completion of the mission (items such as: damaged or stolen pieces of equipment, survey ribbons, souvenirs, tools used on numerous hits, well-thumbed copies of the ECO-DEFENSE book, etc.) The reason is simple. Any person angry or strong enough *can* stop you and search your person, knapsack or car with virtually no legal restraint. Any incriminating evidence found could be turned over to law enforcement personnel and would likely be legally admissible as evidence. Constitutional protections against unwarranted searches and seizures apply only to law enforcement people and do not cover the actions of private citizens. Therefore, if you are stopped by a security guard, miner, logger, stockman or groups of same, they may be angry or suspicious enough to search you against your will and come up with a bundle of incriminating surveyor ribbons that will be used in court against you. Furthermore, it is not uncommon for law enforcement officers to conveniently overlook the rules of probable cause and such, especially in remote areas, and simply conduct an illegal search of you and your car. If evidence thusly obtained is eventually ruled inadmissible in court, this may prove of little comfort to a defendent who has been subjected to arrest, imprisonment, harrassment and the related financial and emotional costs.

In addition, keep in mind that the dangers of this type of search may even be present at home. If your landlord should come around and either deliberately or accidentally search and find incriminating evidence, he could turn it over to police, or simply inform them of its presence, and it will all be very legal and dangerous to your freedom.

Never carry anything incriminating if it is not essential. If you collect a bundle of surveyor ribbons, dig a hole, drop them in, place of couple of rocks on top, cover the whole mess with dirt and brush the area back to a natural looking state. All clothing, including boots and shoes, should be laundered and cleaned as soon as possible after a job. This can help remove incriminating dirt, fibers, plant debris and the like. Pay particular attention to grease spots from heavy equipment. In a similar vein, you might want to vacuum out your vehicle and dispose of the bag. Don't forget the crack in the seat. Tools that leave distinctive marks (pry bars, bolt and wire cutters) should be periodically disposed of and replaced with similar items from a different manufacturer. The annual cost of such a measure is less than a good lawyer would charge for an hour of his time. Written material, intelligence files, plans and maps must be properly destroyed when their usefulness comes to an end. Resist the temptation to start a scrapbook. The experienced monkeywrencher continually reviews all such security measure to insure thoroughness. Routine measures are the mark of experience and the entry point for careless slip-ups. Check and recheck. Don't put off until tomorrow the security measures that will help you sleep well tonight.



COORS (Cont)

The only justification given for the high discharge limits on oil and grease is that they are based on concentrations "...used for many other industries where oil and grease is limited." Nothing whatever is said about the small volume of flow or other characteristics of the receiving stream such as its aquatic life or its use as a source for potable water. The limits depend solely on what is required for an industry of this size. If, as in this case, the industry is big, then the permitted discharge of pollutants is as big as is required by the industry. There is no concern whatever for the stream, the Potomac River into which it leads, or Chesapeake Bay. As stated in my previous article, approval of this plant was foreordained by all state and federal agencies despite citizen opposition. Indeed approval of the state-issued discharge permit by the EPA occurred with embarrassing rapidity between April 29 and May 2, 1980 – even including mailing time! Coors, the sponsor of Watt, Burford and Reagan packs a lot of influence indeed!

The proposed Coors brewery and its criminal approval by the State of Virginia is one more example of the irresponsible technologic expansion that is tearing apart the fabric of our world, shredding and soiling the best of the very basis of all that we treasure – in the end sacrificing the freedom to choose our own salvation. In this case one more river – indeed one of our most historic and beautiful – is sacrificed to the illusion of economic gain.

Earth First! has requested EPA administrator Ruckelshaus to revoke the approval of the Virginia permit on the basis of the evidence discussed here. We are not hopeful given the record of that agency. We will continue the struggle to save this river.

R.F. Mueller is a wilderness activist and Earth First! contact in Staunton, Virginia.

TRAIL OF RISING AND FALLING BIRDS

We have reported previously on artist Lee Nading's rising and falling birds painted on highways across America. We're pleased to present his story of how the project originated. Watch for them as you travel America.

by Lee Nading

This is an account of one moment in an extended message-journey...a trail of art through the wilderness: wilderness, as original human nativity coerced by technographic cultural patterns; art, as it exists in one's complete spectrum of sensibilities from naive joy to educated rage; trail, as choice of direction; journey, as the process of forming a covenant of deliverance from Megaloization – the last stage in complete technography, immediately preceding which humanity will have its final opportunity to choose between eternal dehumanization and sweeping reformulations.

I arrived in Moab, Utah, on May 22, 1983, at 5:57 PM, with art and birds on my mind. Birds are the most universal symbol of the human spirit and man's bond with nature; they are environmental litmus and sense of harmless freedom. Art can serve as victimless weapon in defense of your beliefs. I was looking for maps and updated literature on the proposed canyonlands nuclear waste repository.

My rattletrap station wagon was squirting green stuff from the heater hose and the transmission sounded like a rice grinder from Moose Jaw. I hadn't been to this neck of the woods for ten years and I couldn't help noticing that Moab had not become Salt Lake City as was promised in the boomdays of 1973. (But this goodbye-uranium slump will soon end, now that China and Japan have been suckered into bailing out the avarice and greed of our Czarist-family uranium investors.) I needed someone to talk to.

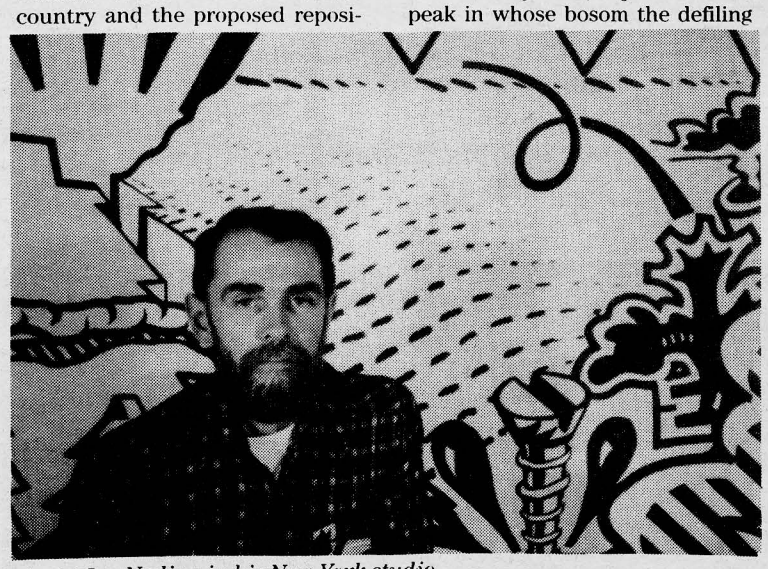
A prankster rockhound said I could find environmentalists across the street at the Poplar Place, infamous guzzle-hole to rafters and semi-solar types who like shouting. I sat for hours looking at maps while everyone looked at me like I was a fed. I learned, from two people who came over to investigate me, that around here no one says "nuclear waste repository." It's referred to as "the controversy," taboo-like as though the topic has been slurped up by an alien flying machine. "We burned out on that six months ago." "I'm just trying to get it together to live."

I spent two more days in Moab at a severe loss for ambiance, having my mechanical conveyance worked on, and worked on. Meanwhile, the only "controversy" literature to be found was at park service headquarters, of all places. The ranger at the counter encouraged me to fill out their "controversy" questionnaire with an *opposed* view. That heartened me, but I couldn't resist looking her in the eye and stating that if they put a rad dump in the canyonlands I'd never again come within one-hundred miles of the place.

Riled up, I marched down the street and purchased a fresh gallon of white paint and a spanking new single-action, armor-piercing brush. I flashed back to my *1979 Environmental Artists At War (EAAW!) Calendar*...triangulation laser sculpture in the Grand Canyon that shoots down sonic-booming jet fighters, purchased by the Museum of Modern Art...microwave-emitting March of Damns mural in the Elk Ridge Cafe in Blanding, that permanently euphorized every heavy equipment operator and developer within 200 miles...

At sun-up the next morning, on May 25, I departed Moab and headed south to the Needles country and the proposed repository site at South Six-Shooter Peak in Indian Creek valley. Utah-211 first enters the top of the valley at a canyon narrows, at the petroglyph site called Newspaper Rock. When standing on the ground at this cool, sheltered close in the cottonwoods on the stream guarded by the undeciphered images from the hand of ancients, you can sense this place has a message. I continued into the valley past the caretaking eyes of Dugout Ranch, then the walls suddenly opened into a vastness of monumental space and formations parading from dream-time into the physical reality of unspoiled land ...Indian Creek valley.

Halfway across the infinite valley I met Six-Shooter Peak, heir-apparent to national radiation forever. I stopped at the entrance to Davis Valley road, adjacent to the peak in whose bosom the defiling material would be implanted. Technology has no wisdom. Technology is nothing more than ceasing to be nature. Dehumanization is the process of going away from nature toward dependent technologies. Koyaanqatsi!...life out of balance...a state of mind that calls for another way of life! This is landscaped in utter distress, but, no form of government or culture is inevitable.

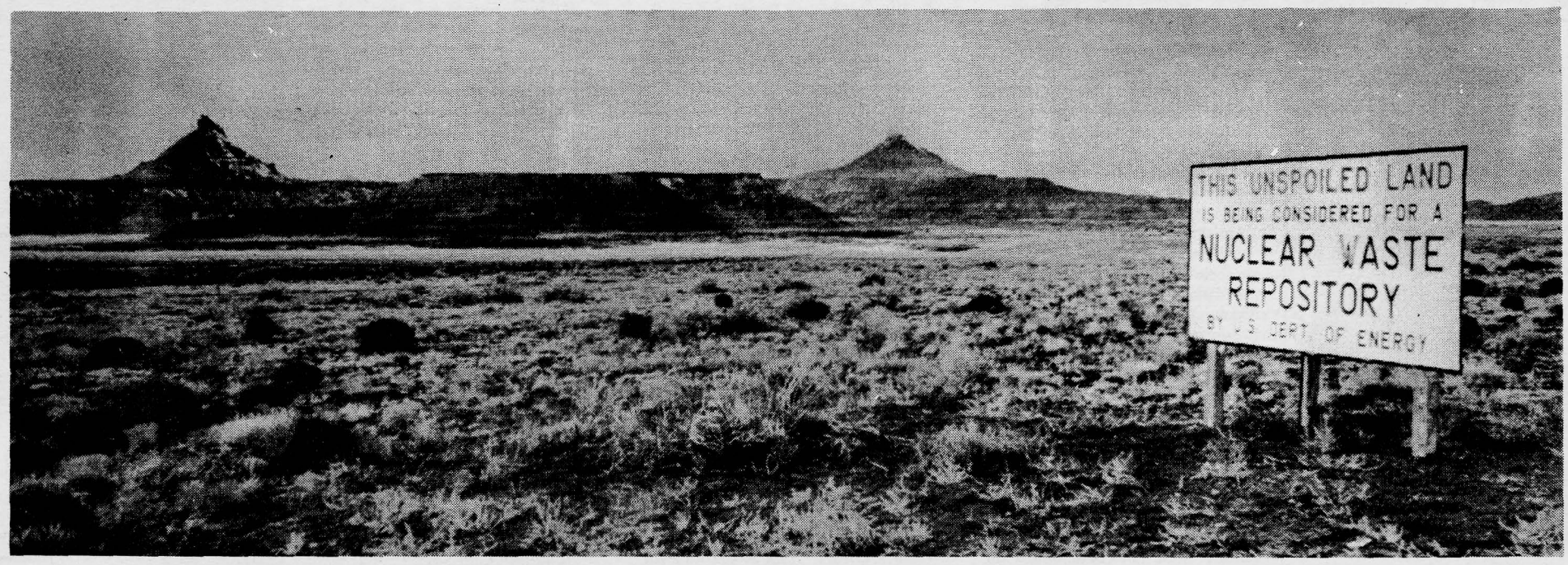


Artist Lee Nading in his New York studio.

In numbed mood and with solemn speed I got out my paint and brush. Something must be done for the humanation of this valley, to deobjectivize it from mere commodity. So I stepped onto the highway and painted a 22-foot-long hex-on-the-inhumans-who-threaten-this-palace. A falling man-bird; an infertile hybrid that no god would conceive; one who confuses science with nature and art. Jinx on Nuclear Waste Repository! Jinx on Nuclear Waste Repository!

When someone dies we grieve because their mind is lost forever. If this valley is defiled we will grieve because its soul will have been lost forever...one more step toward Technocalypse, wholly devoid of redeeming or divine purpose.

I camped nearby, and at first light the next morning I returned to the site of the painting to photograph it, and to give the peak an understanding wink and well-earned salute, and then I turned to leave. As I exited the valley I stopped once more at Newspaper Rock, and I realized the message of the petroglyphs..."you stand in the portal to a religious place, if you have learned to see." This spot is the natural and intelligible entrance to the Canyonlands National Park. This is a message place.



CANYONLANDS NUKE DUMP – EARTH FIRST! SAYS "NO!"

by Clenched Talon

May 10, 1984

Salt Lake City – "Lame Duck" Governor Scott M. Matheson of Utah has finally issued a statement against the D.O.E.'s proposed nuclear waste repository in Canyonlands.

"The substantial damage of the Canyonlands site, reinforces our conclusion that now is the appropriate time for Utah to attempt to halt this process," the governor said.

Members of Earth First! have taken this to heart. The day after the governor's statement the D.O.E. held a public "dis"-information hearing in Salt Lake City.

Towards the end of the hearing eight picketers, most of them wearing white paper suits and white particle masks, silently paraded into the auditorium. Some carried signs that read "NO WAY, NEVER" and a plumber's plunger that read "Don't FLUSH Canyonlands Away."

The group stood on stage behind the speakers, drawing cheers from the audience. At one point, one of the protestors jumped from the stage and joined the panel, keeping the sign "NO WAY, NEVER" above the head of a D.O.E. official.

Another white-suited person advanced to the audience microphone and began to "drill" a representative of the Bechtel Corporation, a contractor for the D.O.E.

Earth First! – "My question to you is: What is the social-economic impact on the people who hold those lands sacred, for whom an economic value is not easily placed on the beauty, the grandeur, and the spiritual heritage of this place?"

Bechtel – "That is what we have been talking about throughout this discussion. In terms of the value of the experience. You can't quantify that and it is very difficult to quantify what kind of changes in the quality of life there may or may not be. You can look at what happens when a large industrial project moves into other places. You can look at what they have and haven't done. You can learn from their mistakes. You can try your best to mitigate potential impacts. What we can try to quantify and qualify is potential impacts as much as possible. When we look at the quality of the experience of a visit to Canyonlands the quality is going to vary from person to person."

Earth First! – "We are not talking about..."

D.O.E. – "If I could comment briefly. It is very difficult to make comparisons on two individuals on the kinds of satisfaction they derive from current activities. About the only thing you can do is to try to compare an individual at two different points of time and ask him if he is relatively as well off before and after. For example someone who lives in the Moab area and does so in part because he or she enjoys the scenic beauty and if the repository was located in Canyonlands. Then this person decided to move to someplace else. You would still have to determine whether or not he feels better off or worse off living in New Orleans then he did in Moab. That is a very, very difficult thing to do."

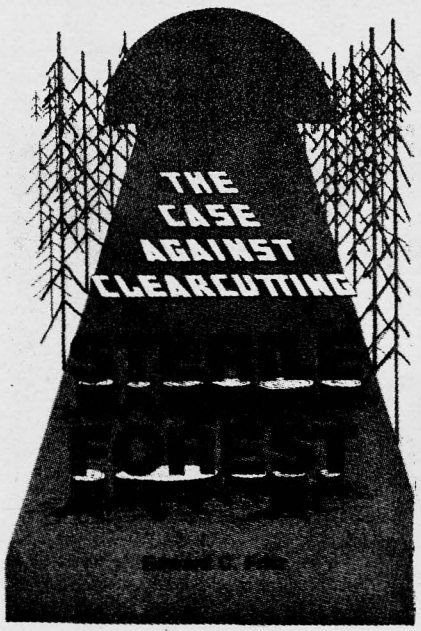
Earth First! – "That is certainly not the type of thing I'm addressing here. What if the hypothetical individual who you chose from Moab was a Native American who was born of the land. Who was born into a religion and tradition that held those lands sacred. Those lands to be filled with sacred places of power, temples, and burial grounds of their ancestors. We are talking about a different issue here other then one of aesthetics. We are talking about one that comes dangerously close to ethics. I know that this is a rather fruitless way for me to pursue you, but I want to say that there are people who for deeply spiritual reasons will defend Canyonlands, in particular, far beyond legal processes."

APPLAUSE...

For more information on what you can do to *STOP* Utah's proposed nuclear waste repository, please contact Earth First! in Salt Lake City.

Earth Firster Jim Taylor grills DOE and Bechtel.

STERILE FOREST



STERILE FOREST, by Ned Fritz Eakin Press, P.O. Box 23066, Austin, TX 78735 (1983) 271 pp. Hardbound, $16.95; paperback, $12.95, postpaid.

From the instant that the Sierra Club woman from Houston called Ned Fritz with the news that the Forest Service was marking stands in the Four Notch, Ned confronted conflicts:

– The Forest Service insisted on its plans to clearcut the proposed wilderness area,

– The "let's-be-reasonable" chairman of the local Sierra group opposed suing the Forest Service.

– Ned's wife warned him of the physical and emotional stress of suing a giant bureaucracy.

– Mike Frome and Gordon Robinson agreed to testify about the disastrous effects of indiscriminate clearcutting to the national forests.

– Ned's enjoy-life side argued with his social responsibility side.

"I drifted toward the big lawsuit as a canoeist floats downstream toward a bad rapid, straining his eyes for passageways through the big rocks, delaying a decision to pull his canoe to the side, until he drifts far into the "V", too far to paddle out, and the current, with increasing velocity, sucks him into the churning cauldron."

Likewise, this true story sucks the reader into a straight-through absorption, part of the reason the Texas Literary Awards gave it honors status for non-fiction.

When the directors of the Texas Committee on Natural Resources approved, and Ned obtained a *pro bono publico* attorney, TCNOR filed suit for injunction. That's when the shit hit the fan.

This is an inside story of actions and feelings, from the uprising of typically stolid East Texas hunters, to the Great Debate on the U.S. Senate floor between James McClure and Hubert Humphrey, for the clearcutting bill (National Forest Management Act) and Jennings Randolph and Dale Bumpers for meaningful restraints on clearcutting. Brock Evans led the Sierra Club into the "compromise" which has resulted in a continuation of wholesale clearcutting throughout our national forests.

Nevertheless, TCONR proceeded with its now Herculean mission. Fortunately, William Wayne Justice, of national fame (integration, prison reform, etc.), was the judge who tried the case. This book recounts the trial – the clashes between the pro-environmental witnesses and the timber-bureaucracy witnesses on the issues of recreation, wildlife, soil erosion, commercial monoculture, and the short-term profitability of timber.

This story, unlike most movies, presents the law as it is, and the behind-the-scenes strategy arguments between the environmental attorneys, almost leading to fisticuffs. It portrays the stress upon a human being when his own government, through the Department of Justice, pounces upon him and his past during cross-examination. A crisis of proof arises and grows until the dramatic final witness arrives.

Sterile Forest does not confine itself to the courtroom. By colorful language and black-and-white photographs, the book demonstrates the stark contrasts between the old-growth hardwood/pine forests of East Texas, with flowers and songbirds, and the new realm of pine plantations, with grass and poison ivy.

Remarkably, the book is about half dialogue, including this passage, where Ned met an East Texas hunter who later testified:

"Jim is in the tool shed, up the hill there," she pointed. "Come on in and I'll fetch him."

"That's okay, I'll go find him."

I walked over to a galvanized tin canopy, under which were several tables, covered with tools and with parts. On the ground were wheels, engines, hoods, and all manner of junk. Under the canopy, a man was hammering at a shaft.

"Hey, Jim!" I called out.

The man looked up. "Well, bless my bones, you must be Mr. Fritz!" he exclaimed. He wiped some grease off his hand and stuck it out. I shook it warmly, grease and all.

Jim grinned, minus a tooth, and continued in a high, strong voice. "You asked me to show you some clearcuts. Now are you ready to see clearcuts up to your Adam's Apple?"

"Yep."

"All right. I'm gonna show you thousands of acres of bare land. When do you wanta go?"

"Right now, man. I'm ready."

"Are ya sure?" asked Jim. "It's hotter'n a road lizard out there."

"That's all right. I've spent a lot of summer days in Southeast Texas."

"Come on in the house and I'll put on my boots and we'll take out. Do you want a cup of coffee?"

Sterile Forest is that rare combination of an entertaining story and accurate portrayal of issues, the fight to save our national forests from commercial exploitation and the struggle by citizens to obtain meaningful participation in their government in spite of opposition by giant bureaucracy.

Ned Fritz.

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SINKYONE BATTLE CONTINUES

by Agnes Mansfield

The struggle for the protection of the Sinkyone Wilderness, the "lost coast" of Northern California, is growing strong.

The twenty-two people arrested or cited last fall in the successful temporary halt of logging by Georgia-Pacific Lumber Co. received a sentence March 12. The judge stated that if punishment is due it should be to help our cause. Each was assigned to write ten letters to persons influential in the decision of saving the Sinkyone (ie., state legislators, G-P shareholderse, etc.). He also requested that three representatives go to the state capital and plead our cause.

On May 1 the lawsuit by the Environmental Protection Information Center of Garberville and the International Treaty Council against Georgia-Pacific on the Sally Bell grove was heard by the State Court of Appeals. As of this writing no decision has been reached. We are hoping of course for an outright win although this in itself will not protect the Sally Bell grove. G-P would just resubmit the clear cut harvest plan (THP 1-84-464M) with changes in the provisions and "mitigations" in line with the court's decision and/or directions.

On April 25, Bill AB3934 (Assemblyman Bates, Senator McCorquodale) was heard before the Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee. This bill, which would basically make real the acquisition intent language of AB2122 (Assemblyman Hauser, Senator Keene) was set for 'interim hearing' in September 1984. This means the bill cannot be voted on by the Legislature this year, needs further "input" and can be reintroduced in January 1985. To some this may seem like a setback but given the gawd-awful political scenario of Sacramento it was the most positive move that could be made. This course of action keeps the issue alive, sets a full public hearing on the *whole* acquisition issue at the time of the Parks and Recreation Director's report on progress in negotiations with Georgia-Pacific, and prevented a negative vote on the bill. The probability of a negative vote was very high with many legislators claiming that we hadn't given AB2122 a chance to work yet. Of course G-P can continue and does continue the 'work' of devastating the Sinkyone Wilderness despite the alleged negotiations for acquisition underway.

It is critical that Georgia-Pacific actually negotiates with the state of California for land exchanges and purchases that will protect the Sinkyone Wilderness. The public interim hearing which is supposed to be held in September is a means of keeping the pressure on for this to happen. Georgia-Pacific just acquired about 325,000 acres of timberland and 17 plants for about $342.5 million. They can surely afford to sell or exchange 9,000 acres to protect this Lost Coast.

As we continue the struggle with our bodies, lawsuit, and legislation, G-P has submitted a new Timber Harvest Plan (THP 1-84-287 Men.) for 290 acres on the East branch of Jackass Creek, north of the Sally Bell Grove. This "harvest" plan will have very serious visual impacts on the coastal trail and is along an important lateral access trail. Some old-growth trees and habitat will be lost and great harm to the forest, soils and water of the East Branch basin will result. Serious downstream effects on the spawning and rearing of steelhead, salmon and native trout can be foreseen. Twenty-four foot landings are called for, many of them adjacent to slides, on unstable areas or in the "Stream Protection Zone." Five new roads are planned on steep and unstable slopes. An archaeological inventory of the THP area has not been done nor have Native peoples been contacted. We hope the pressure and effects of our efforts to protect the Sinkyone Wilderness will help in the denial of this THP.

A trip was made on May 1 to Augusta, Georgia, to the G-P annual shareholders meeting as a follow up of a January trip to Atlanta to talk to G-P executives. Stress was placed on the absolute need to protect 9000 acres they presently own on the Sinkyone Wilderness since they are the owner of close to 5½ million acres in North America alone. Their nervous cordiality was the context for several classic platitudes: "We can understand your concerns because we have to be conservationists ourselves because we're in the business of growing and selling timber." The leased coastal trail under AB2122 was touted as, "a chance for the public to see forestland at different stages of re-growth." When pressed on negotiations for exchanges and purchases one exec said, "It will depend on our harvest and regeneration plans." Perhaps the most satiric remark came from a former director, "I don't see why you're so upset about cutting old-growth Redwood. The Bohemian Grove was logged and it's beautiful!" If you don't know, the Bohemiam Grove is an all male exclusive retreat 60 miles north of San Francisco nestled among the redwoods of Sonoma County. Every summer in mid July for two weeks the likes of Caspar Weinberger and Henry Kissinger meet in total anonymity and without public scrutiny and make policy decisions and sustain contacts that have catastrophic effects on our daily lives as well as mother earth. They also get the chance to "piss on a redwood tree."

WHAT TO DO

The Sinkyone Wilderness is the last opportunity to protect significant coastal old growth in California. The steep slopes and cliffs plunging to the sea, hundreds of sea lions frolicking at Little Jackass Cove, osprey soaring about, mountain lion and black bear at home in the Sinkyone and bulldozers and graders waiting. WE WON'T GIVE UP! *Funds and volunteer energy* have been at the heart of the struggle. Legal costs, travel, office supplies, phone bills are all a part of the day to day needs of keeping the Sinkyone Wilderness alive. Public support is the only thing *that has kept the struggle viable* and enabled progress to be made. Please help! Write to Georgia-Pacific Corporation in Atlanta to the attention of T. Marshall Hahn and Stanley Dennison at 133 Peachtree St. N.E., Atlanta, Ga.

THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF DEEP ECOLOGY

by George Sessions
and Arne Naess

Arne Naess thought it important to try to formulate the basic principles of deep ecology (he sometimes refers to it as the "platform") in a literal defensible way that would appeal to a great many people. We got together over the Easter vacation in the California desert and came up with a tentative formulation. This formulation takes the place of the formulation which will appear in his reply to Richard Watson's critique of biocentrism (deep ecology) *ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS*, Fall, 1984. We invite comments and criticism from readers of Earth First!. While not underrating the importance of slogans and poetry, we have tried to move from this level to a more literal formulation.

(1) The well-being and flourishing of human and non-human Life on Earth have value in themselves (synonyms: intrinsic value, inherent value). These values are independent of the usefulness of the non-human world for human purposes.

(2) Richness and diversity of life forms contribute to the realization of these values and are also values in themselves.

(3) Humans have no right to reduce this richness and diversity except to satisfy *vital* needs.

(4) The flourishing of human life and cultures is compatible with a substantial decrease of the human population. The flourishing of non-human life requires such a decrease.

(5) Present human interference with the non-human world is excessive, and the situation is rapidly worsening.

(6) Policies must therefore be changed. These policies affect basic economic, technological, and ideological structures. The resulting state of affairs will be deeply different from the present.

(7) The ideological change is mainly that of appreciating *life quality* (dwelling in situations of inherent value) rather than adhering to an increasingly higher standard of living. There will be a profound awareness of the difference between big and great.

(8) Those who subscribe to the foregoing points have an obligation directly or indirectly to try to implement the necessary changes.

Comments on the Basic Principles:

RE (1). This formulation refers to the biosphere, or more accurately to the ecosphere as a whole. This includes individuals, species, populations, habitat, as well as human and non-human cultures. From our current knowledge of all-pervasive intimate relationships, this implies a fundamental deep concern and respect. Ecological processes on the planet should, on the whole, remain intact. "The world environment should remain 'natural.'" (Gary Snyder)

The term "life" is used here in a more comprehensive non-technical way to refer also to what biologists classify as "non-living," rivers (watersheds), landscapes, ecosystems. For supporters of deep ecology, slogans such as "let the river live" illustrate this broader useage so common in most cultures.

Inherent value, as used in (1) is common in deep ecology literature ("The presence of inherent value in a natural object is independent of any awareness, interest, or appreciation of it by an conscious being.").[1]

RE (2). More technically, this is a formulation concerning diversity and complexity. From an ecological standpoint, complexity and symbiosis are conditions for maximizing diversity. So-called simple, lower or primitive species of plants and animals contribute essentially to richness and diversity of life. They have value-in-themselves and are not merely steps toward the so-called higher or rational life forms. The second principle presupposes that life itself, as a process over evolutionary time, implies an increase of diversity and richness. The refusal to acknowledge that some life forms have greater or lesser intrinsic value than others (see points 1 and 2) runs counter to the formulations of some ecological philosophers and New Age writers.[2]

Complexity, as referred to here, is different from complication. Urban life may be more complicated than life in a natural setting without being more complex in the sense of multi-faceted quality.

RE (3). The term "vital need" is left deliberately vague to allow for considerable latitude in judgment. Differences in climate and related factors, together with differences in the structures of societies as they now exist, need to be considered (for some Eskimos, snowmobiles are necessary today to satisfy vital needs).

People in the materially richest countries cannot be expected to reduce their excessive interference with the non-human world to a moderate level overnight. The stabilization and reduction of the human population will take time. Interim strategies need to be developed. But this in no way excuses the present complacency – the extreme seriousness of our current situation must first be realized. The longer we wait the more drastic will be the measures needed. Until deep changes are made, substantial decreases in richness and diversity are liable to occur: the rate of extinction of species will be ten to one hundred times greater than any other period of earth history.

RE (5). This formulation is mild. For a realistic assessment of the situation, see the unabbreviated version of the I.U.C.N.'s *World Conservation Strategy*. There are other works to be highly recommended such as Gerald Barney's *Global 2000 Report to the President of the United States*.

The slogan of "noninterference" does not imply that humans should not modify some ecosystems as do other species. Humans have modified the earth and will probably continue to do so. At issue is the nature and extent of such interference.

The fight to preserve and extend areas of wilderness or near-wilderness should continue and should focus on the general ecological functions of these areas (one such function: large wilderness areas are required in the biosphere to allow for continued evolutionary speciation of animals and plants). Most present designated wilderness areas and game preseves are not large enough to allow for such speciation.

RE (6). Economic growth as conceived and implemented today by the industrial states is incompatible with (1)-(5). There is only a faint resemblance between ideal sustainable forms of economic growth and present policies of the industrial societies. And "sustainable" still means "sustainable in relation to humans."

Present ideology tends to value things because they are scarce and because they have a commodity value. There is prestige in vast consumption and waste (to mention only several relevant factors).

Whereas "self-determination," "local community," and "think globally, act locally," will remain key terms in the ecology of human societies, nevertheless the implementation of deep change requires increasingly global action – action across borders.

Governments in Third Word countries (with the exception of Costa Rica and a few others) are uninterested in deep ecological issues. When the governments of industrial societies try to promote ecological measures through Third World governments, practically nothing is accomplished (e.g. with problems of desertification). Given this situation, support for global action through non-governmental international organizations becomes increasingly important. Many of these organizations are able to act globally "from grassroots to grassroots" thus avoiding negative governmental interference.

Cultural diversity today requires advanced technology, that is, techniques that advance the basic goals of each culture. So-called soft, intermediate, and alternative technologies are steps in this direction.

RE (7). Some economists criticize the term "quality of life" because it is supposed to be vague. But on closer inspection, what they consider to be vague is actually the non-quantitative nature of the term. One cannot quantify adequately what is important for the quality of life as discussed here, and there is no need to do so.

RE (8). There is ample room for different opinions about priorities: what should be done first, what next? What is more urgent? What is clearly necessary as opposed to what is highly desirable but not absolutely pressing?

[1] Tom Regan, "The Nature and Possibility of an Environmental Ethic," *Environmental Ethics* 3 (91981) 19-34.

[2] See e.g., Henryk Skolimowski, *Ecophilosophy* (Marion Boyars, 1981).

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Again, let us emphasize that this is a first approximation at a formulation. We welcome all comments concerning additions, deletions, changes, rewording, etc.

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spirit calls your name,
mother spirit calling "Sinkyone!"
for the living who listen
for creator within all things
within all beings of water and blood,
flesh and stone, feathers
scales and fur and shells
like your smoky hair wet with the green rose light
of dew bright with sunrising
and your cool sweet cheek kissed
by a steady nor'westerly clean from the arctic
that lifts up the sea lion songs
to this ridge where we stand with you
come home,
here where the people live
listening to mother spirit calling
your name home,
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who dig for nothing
know that finally our land
has climbed away from poverty,
that even we afford
the sleeping death that eats our soil

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split when you speak of us,
the jagged half pronouncing hate
while the half that curls
around your appetite
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how you too, crawl for snails
and never clean your homeland's dirt
from your broken skin.

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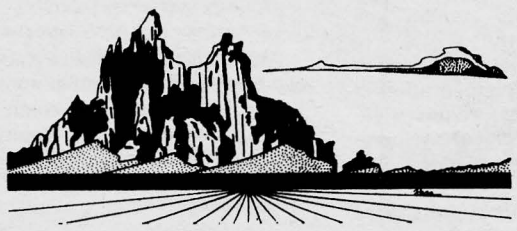

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fold man out for a moment:
we have rainforests that have stood the test of time,
that harbor perhaps half the world's species.
now fold man in:
we have millions of acres of rainforest destroyed
each year,
all that diversity and beauty and harmony,
all that glorious shining vibrant life,
so that grass, a monoculture, can be planted,
and cattle raised for export to the usa,
where it is sold more cheaply than american beef,
depressing the ranchers here whose livelihood it is,
so that someone can cut corners,
someone can sell hamburgers a few pennies cheaper,
or make a few pennies more on each burger.
and we (make mine rare!) who imagine ourselves
lions, tigers, leopards, the nearly extinct
but still macho symbols of our universe of thought,
are sheep: ignorant sheep, sheep carnivorous
at second hand, eating the jewelled jungle cats,
the rarest orchids, eating the rainforest down.

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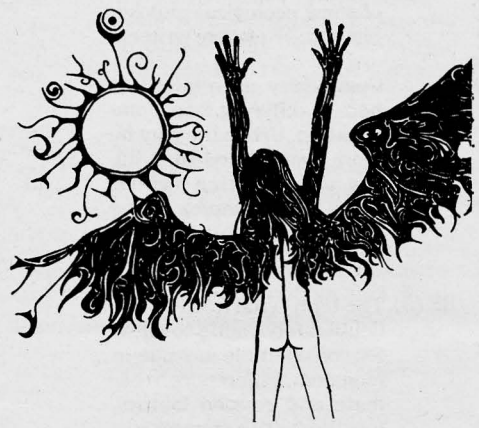

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When they come for your son with a gun,
No pasaran!
When they come for Santiago and Juan,
No pasaran!
When they come for Maria and Juana,
No pasaran!
When they come for Salvador and Guatemala,
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When they come for Grenada and Nicaragua,
No pasaran!
When they come for the blacks and the jews and the reds and the browns
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When they come for the wolf and the whale and the grub and the loon,
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When they come for the Last Rites,
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When they come to steal the scent of your sweet sinsemilla,
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When they come for the wet green flesh of the trees,
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When they come with their helicopters and their 2,4-D,
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When they come for the keys to the No-Go Road,
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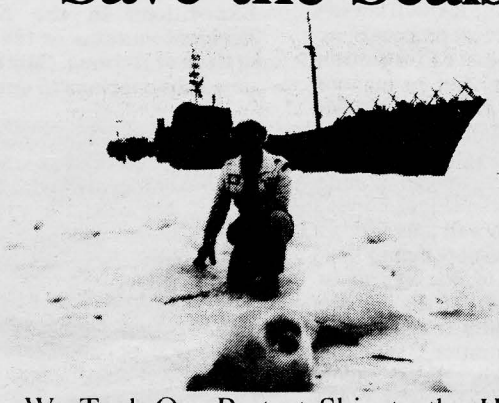

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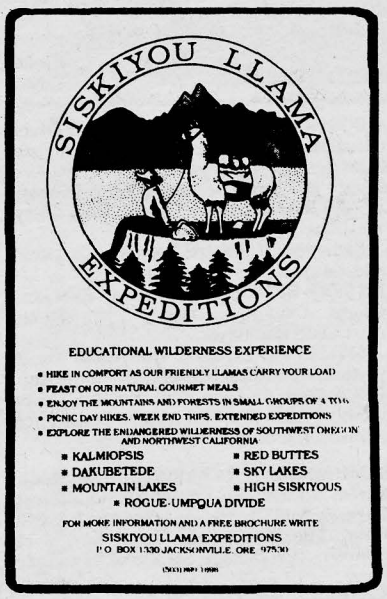
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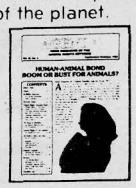

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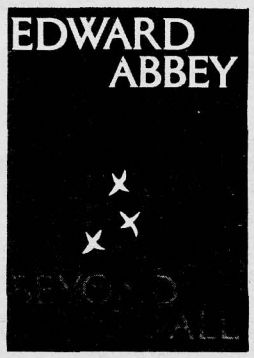

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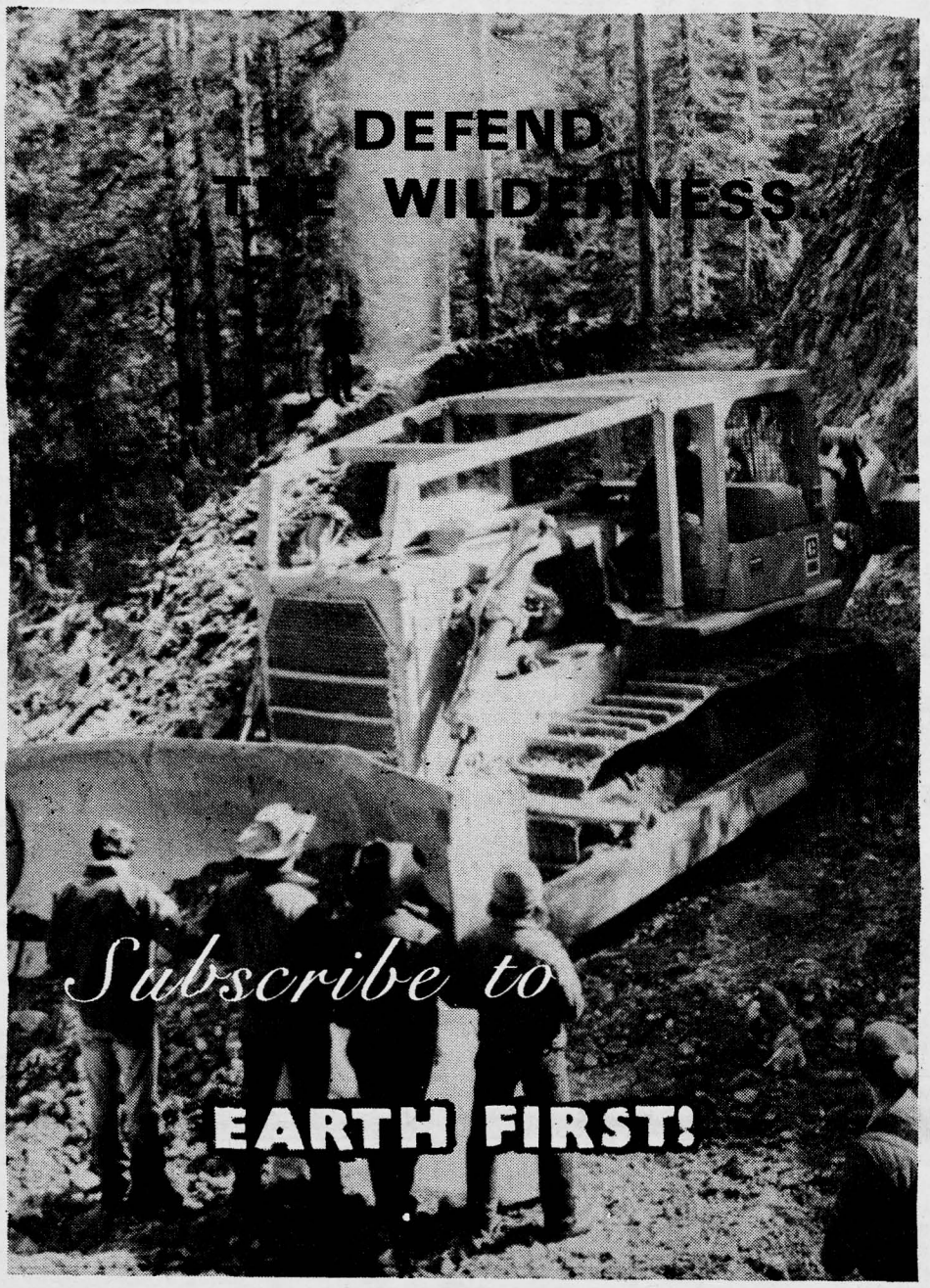

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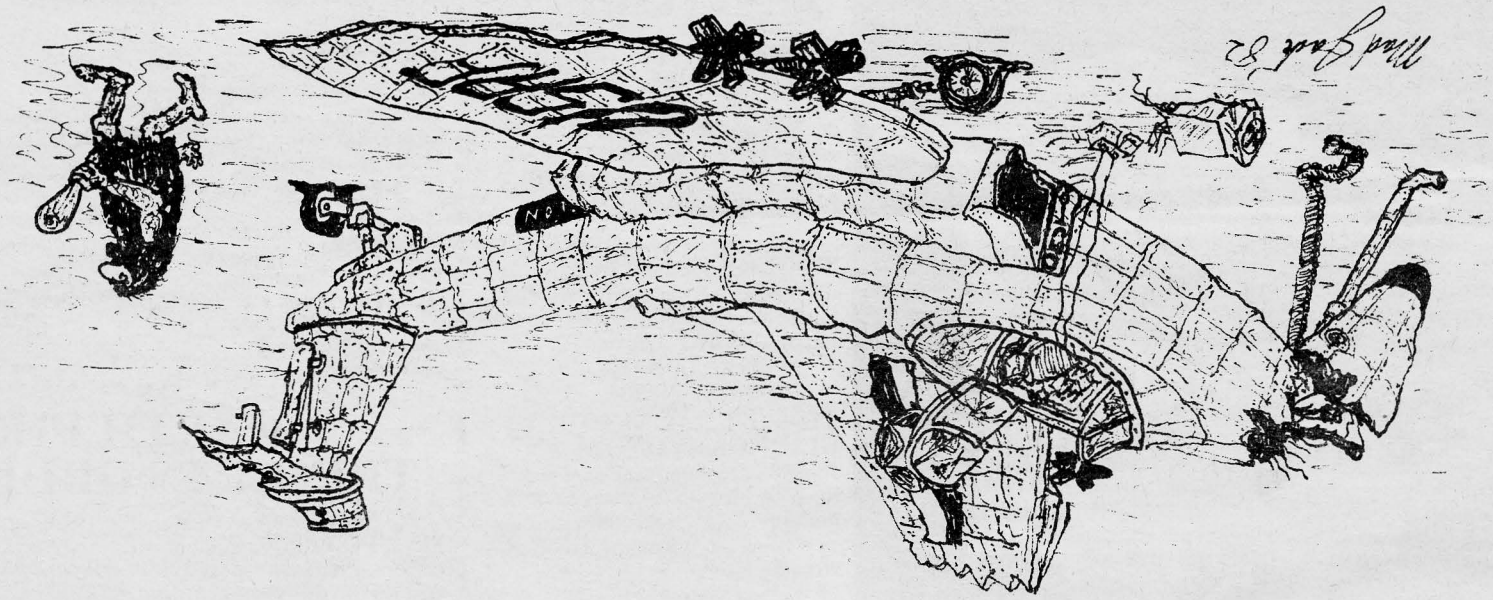

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